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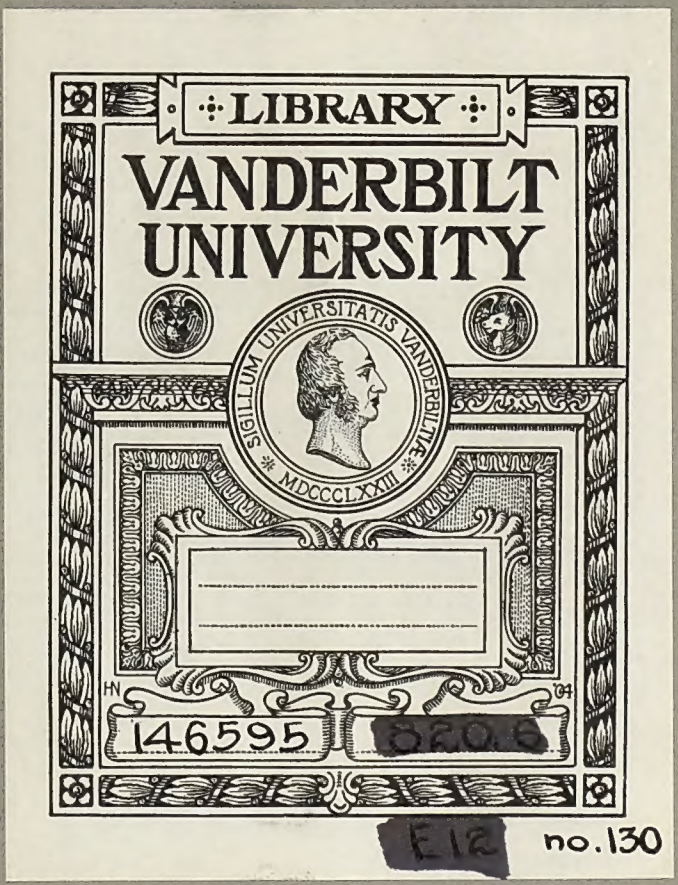

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The Extra-Series Texts for 1904 were 1. the *Macro Plays* of *Mankind*, *Wisdom*, and the *Castle of Perseverance*, edited from Mr. Gurney's MS. by Dr. Furnivall and A. W. Pollard, M.A.; 2. Lydgate's *DeGuilleville's Pilgrimage of the Life of Man*, Part III, edited by Miss Katharine Locock; and Dr. E. A. Kock's edition of Lovelich's *Merlin* from the unique MS. in Corpus Christi Coll., Cambridge, Part I. Those for 1905 will be 1. *Respublica*, A.D. 1553, A Play on the Social Condition of England at the Accession of Q. Mary, edited by Leonard A. Magnus, LL.B.; 2. Lovelich's *History of the Holy Grail*, Part V, a capital summary of the rise and development of the Legend of the Graal, by Miss Dorothy Kempe; 3. *Myrc's Festial*, re-edited from the MSS. by Dr. Erbe, Part I.

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Dr. Brie of Berlin is editing the prose *Brut* or *Chronicle of Britain* attributed to Sir John Mandeville, and printed by Caxton. He has already examined more than 100 English MSS. and several French ones, to get the best text, and find out its source.

These Extra-Series Texts ought to be completed by their Editors: the Second Part of the prose Romance of *Melusine*—Introduction, with ten facsimiles of the best woodblocks of the old foreign black-letter editions, Glossary, &c., by A. K. Donald, B.A. (now in India); and a new edition of the famous Early-English Dictionary (English and Latin), *Promptorium Parvulorum*, from the Winchester MS., ab. 1440 A.D.: in this, the Editor, the Rev. A. L. Mayhew, M.A., will follow and print his MS. not only in its arrangement of nouns first, and verbs second, under every letter of the Alphabet, but also in its giving of the flexions of the words. The Society's edition will thus be the first modern one that really represents its original, a point on which Mr. Mayhew's insistence will meet with the sympathy of all our Members.

Later Texts for the Extra Series will include *The Three Kings' Sons*, Part II, the Introduction &c. by Prof. Dr. Leon Kellner; Part II of *The Chester Plays*, re-edited from the MSS., with a full collation of the formerly missing Devonshire MS., by Mr. G. England and Dr. Matthews; Prof. Jespersen's editions of John Hart's *Orthographie* (MS. 1551 A.D.; blackletter 1569), and *Method to teach Reading*, 1570; Deguilleville's *Pilgrimage of the Sowle*, in English prose, edited by Prof. Dr. L. Kellner. (For the three prose versions of *The Pilgrimage of the Life of Man*—two English, one French—an Editor is wanted.) Members are askt to realise the fact that the Society has now 50 years' work on its Lists,—at its present rate of production,—and that there is from 100 to 200 more years' work to come after that. The year 2000 will not see finisht all the Texts that the Society ought to print. The need of more Members and money is pressing. Offers of help from willing Editors have continually to be declined because the Society has no funds to print their Texts.

An urgent appeal is hereby made to Members to increase the list of Subscribers to the E. E. Text Society. It is nothing less than a scandal that the Hellenic Society should have nearly 1000 members, while the Early English Text Society has not 300!

Before his death in 1895, Mr. G. N. Currie was preparing an edition of the 15th and 16th century Prose Versions of Guillaume de Deguilleville's *Pilgrimage of the Life of Man*, with the French prose version by Jean Gallopes, from Lord Aldenham's MS., he having generously promist to pay the extra cost of printing the French text, and engraving one or two of the illuminations in his MS. But Mr. Currie, when on his deathbed, charged a friend to burn *all* his MSS. which lay in a corner of his room, and unluckily all the E. E. T. S.'s copies of the Deguilleville prose versions were with them, and were burnt with them, so that the Society will be put to the cost of fresh copies, Mr. Currie having died in debt.

Guillaume de Deguilleville, monk of the Cistercian abbey of Chaalis, in the diocese of Senlis, wrote his first verse *Pèlerinaige de l'Homme* in 1330-1 when he was 36.[1] Twenty-five (or six) years after, in 1355, he revised his poem, and issued a second version of it,[2] a revision of which was printed ab. 1500. Of the prose representative of the first version, 1330-1, a prose Englishing, about 1430 A.D., was edited by Mr. Aldis Wright for the Roxburghe Club in 1869, from MS. Ff. 5. 30 in the Cambridge University Library. Other copies of this prose English are in the Hunterian Museum, Glasgow, Q. 2. 25; Sion College, London; and the Laud Collection in the Bodleian, no. 740.[3] A copy in the Northern dialect is MS. G. 21, in St. John's Coll., Cambridge, and this is the MS. which will be edited for the E. E. Text Society. The Laud MS. 740 was somewhat condenst and modernised, in the 17th century, into MS. Ff. 6. 30, in the Cambridge University Library:[4] "The Pilgrime or the Pilgrimage of Man in this World," copied by Will. Baspoole, whose copy "was verbatim written by Walter Parker, 1645, and from thence transcribed by G. G. 1649; and from thence by W. A. 1655." This last copy may have been read by, or its story reported to, Bunyan, and may have been the groundwork of his *Pilgrim's Progress*. It will be edited for the E. E. T. Soc., its text running under the earlier English, as in Mr. Herrtage's edition of the *Gesta Romanorum* for the Society. In February 1464,[5] Jean Gallopes—a clerk of Angers, afterwards chaplain to John, Duke of Bedford, Regent of France—turned Deguilleville's first verse *Pèlerinaige* into a prose *Pèlerinage de la vie humaine*.[6] By the kindness of Lord Aldenham, as above mentiond, Gallopes's French text will be printed opposite the early prose northern Englishing in the Society's edition.

The Second Version of Deguilleville's *Pèlerinaige de l'Homme*, A.D. 1355 or -6, was englisht in verse by Lydgate in 1426. Of Lydgate's poem, the larger part is in the Cotton MS. Vitellius C. xiii (leaves 2-308). This MS. leaves out Chaucer's englishing of Deguilleville's

[1] He was born about 1295. See Abbé Goujet's *Bibliothèque française*, Vol. IX, p. 73-4.—P. M. The Roxburghe Club printed the 1st version in 1893.

[2] The Roxburghe Club's copy of this 2nd version was lent to Mr. Currie, and unluckily burnt too with his other MSS.

[3] These 3 MSS. have not yet been collated, but are believed to be all of the same version.

[4] Another MS. is in the Pepys Library.

[5] According to Lord Aldenham's MS.

[6] These were printed in France, late in the 15th or early in the 16th century.

A B C or *Prayer to the Virgin*, of which the successive stanzas start with A, B, C, and run all thro' the alphabet; and it has 2 main gaps, besides many small ones from the tops of leaves being burnt in the Cotton fire. All these gaps (save the A B C) have been fild up from the Stowe MS. 952 (which old John Stowe completed) and from the end of the other imperfect MS. Cotton, Tiberius A vii. Thanks to the diligence of the old Elizabethan tailor and manuscript-lover, a complete text of Lydgate's poem has been given. The British Museum French MSS. (Harleian 4399[1], and Additional 22,937[2] and 25,594[3]) are all of the First Version.

Besides his first *Pèlerinaige de l'homme* in its two versions, Deguilleville wrote a second, "de l'ame separee du corps," and a third, "de nostre seigneur Iesus." Of the second, a prose Englishing of 1413, *The Pilgrimage of the Sowle* (with poems by Hoccleve, already printed for the Society with that author's *Regement of Princes*), exists in the Egerton MS. 615,[4] at Hatfield, Cambridge (Univ. Kk. 1. 7, and Caius), Oxford (Univ. Coll. and Corpus), and in Caxton's edition of 1483. This version has 'somewhat of addicions' as Caxton says, and some shortenings too, as the maker of both, the first translater, tells us in the MSS. Caxton leaves out the earlier englisher's interesting Epilog in the Egerton MS. This prose englishing of the *Sowle* will be edited for the Society by Prof. Dr. Leon Kellner after that of the *Man* is finisht, and will have Gallopes's French opposite it, from Lord Aldenham's MS., as his gift to the Society. Of the Pilgrimage of Jesus, no englishing is known.

As to the MS. Anglo-Saxon Psalters, Dr. Hy. Sweet has edited the oldest MS., the Vespasian, in his *Oldest English Texts* for the Society, and Mr. Harsley has edited the latest, c. 1150, Eadwine's Canterbury Psalter. The other MSS., except the Paris one, being interlinear versions,—some of the Roman-Latin redaction, and some of the Gallican,—Prof. Logeman has prepared for press, a Parallel-Text edition of the first twelve Psalms, to start the complete work. He will do his best to get the Paris Psalter—tho' it is not an interlinear one—into this collective edition; but the additional matter, especially in the Verse-Psalms, is very difficult to manage. If the Paris text cannot be parallelised, it will form a separate volume. The Early English Psalters are all independent versions, and will follow separately in due course.

Through the good offices of the Examiners, some of the books for the Early-English Examinations of the University of London will be chosen from the Society's publications, the Committee having undertaken to supply such books to students at a large reduction in price. The net profits from these sales will be applied to the Society's Reprints.

Members are reminded that *fresh Subscribers are always wanted*, and that the Committee can at any time, on short notice, send to press an additional Thousand Pounds' worth of work.

The Subscribers to the Original Series must be prepared for the issue of the whole of the Early English *Lives of Saints*, sooner or later. The Society cannot leave out any of them, even though some are dull. The Sinners would doubtless be much more interesting. But in many Saints' Lives will be found valuable incidental details of our forefathers' social state, and all are worthful for the history of our language. The Lives may be lookt on as the religious romances or story-books of their period.

The Standard Collection of Saints' Lives in the Corpus and Ashmole MSS., the Harleian MS. 2277, &c. will repeat the Laud set, our No. 87, with additions, and in right order. (The foundation MS. (Laud 108) had to be printed first, to prevent quite unwieldy collations.) The Supplementary Lives from the Vernon and other MSS. will form one or two separate volumes.

Besides the Saints' Lives, Trevisa's englishing of *Bartholomæus de Proprietatibus Rerum*, the mediæval Cyclopædia of Science, &c., will be the Society's next big undertaking. Dr. R. von Fleischhacker will edit it. Prof. Napier of Oxford, wishing to have the whole of our MS. Anglo-Saxon in type, and accessible to students, will edit for the Society all the unprinted and other Anglo-Saxon Homilies which are not included in Thorpe's edition of Ælfric's prose,[5] Dr. Morris's of the Blickling Homilies, and Prof. Skeat's of Ælfric's Metrical Homilies. The late Prof. Kölbing left complete his text, for the Society, of the *Ancren Riwle*, from the best MS., with collations of the other four, and this will be edited for the Society by Dr. Thümmler. Mr. Harvey means to prepare an edition of the three MSS. of the *Earliest English Metrical Psalter*, one of which was edited by the late Mr. Stevenson for the Surtees Society.

Members of the Society will learn with pleasure that its example has been followed, not only by the Old French Text Society which has done such admirable work under its founders Profs. Paul Meyer and Gaston Paris, but also by the Early Russian Text Society, which was set on foot in 1877, and has since issued many excellent editions of old MS. Chronicles, &c.

Members will also note with pleasure the annexation of large tracts of our Early English territory by the important German contingent, the late Professors Zupitza and Kölbing, the

[1] 15th cent., containing only the *Vie humaine*.
[2] 15th cent., containing all the 3 Pilgrimages, the 3rd being Jesus Christ's.
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[5] Of these, Mr. Harsley is preparing a new edition, with collations of all the MSS. Many copies of Thorpe's book, not issued by the Ælfric Society, are still in stock.
Of the Vercelli Homilies, the Society has bought the copy made by Prof. G. Lattanzi.

living Hausknecht, Einenkel, Haenisch, Kaluza, Hupe, Adam, Holthausen, Schick, Herzfeld, Brandeis, Sieper, Konrath, Wülfing, &c. Scandinavia has also sent us Prof. Erdmann and Dr. E. A. Kock; Holland, Prof. H. Logeman, who is now working in Belgium; France, Prof. Paul Meyer—with Gaston Paris as adviser (alas, now dead);—Italy, Prof. Lattanzi; Austria, Dr. von Fleischhacker; while America is represented by the late Prof. Child, by Dr. Mary Noyes Colvin, Miss Rickert, Profs. Mead, McKnight, Triggs, Perrin, Craig, &c. The sympathy, the ready help, which the Society's work has cald forth from the Continent and the United States, have been among the pleasantest experiences of the Society's life, a real aid and cheer amid all troubles and discouragements. All our Members are grateful for it, and recognise that the bond their work has woven between them and the lovers of language and antiquity across the seas is one of the most welcome results of the Society's efforts.

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[520.] *A Charter of henry Doilly made to Laurence fitz Iohn kepeharme for ij. londis in the towne of Oxenford. * leaf 119. About 1190.

Sale to Laurence Kepeharme, by Henry Doyly, of lands in and outside Oxford,

The sentence of this charter is, that henry Doilly, the sone of henry Doilly, constable of kyng henry the second, willed to be know to all his men and frendes, englissh and frenssh, bothe to[1] tho that were present þan, and also to tho that were to come, that he graunted and yaf to laurence fitz Iohn kepeharme ij. londis in the towne of Oxenford, the whiche were of his fee, that is to sey, the lond of Osbert Fadir, the which is bitwen the chirche-yerd of seynt Mildreth and the house of Edmond Sowter; and þe lond of henry Fitz Aubrey, the which is in the parissh of seynt Iudoce: and iij. londes *with*-owte the towne of Oxenford, the which is of his fee, that is to sey, the lond of Richard Rasy, the which is bitwene the mylles that ben vndir the castell of Oxenford and the brigge by the which hit is to go to Oseney; and the lond of hardyng, peletere, the which is bitwene the lond of Stephyn hanton and the lond of Walter Westbury; and the lond of Walter fitz Vitelle, the which is bitwene the lond of Leswyne Fosse and the lond of Iohn Leche of Brecchyme: To be hold to hym and to his heires, of hym and his heires, surely and stably in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly and worshipfully, yeldyng therof euery yere xij. d in two termes of the yere, for all service, that is to sey, vj. d. at oure Lady day in marche and vj. d. at Mighelmasse, for his homage and for his seruyce And for iiij. li. of siluer, the which the forsaid Laurence yaf to hym in Recognycion or agayn-knowlechyng. And that this his yifte and graunte, & *cetera*, he confermed hit *with* his seale, & *cetera*.

to be held by quit-rent of 1*s*.

Purchase-money, £4.

[521.] *A Charter of laurence kepeharme I-made to the abbesse of Godestowe for all his londes and tenementis with-in the Borough and subarbis of Oxenforde. * leaf 118. About 1210.

Grants to Godstow, by Laurence

The sentence of this charter is, that laurence kepeharme, for the helthe of his sowle, and of all his fadirs and modirs, auncetours

[1] MS. 'two to.'

Kepeharme, of the reversion of five rent-charges (10*s.* 8*d.*), with contingent rights, held in Oxford of the fee of D'Oilly (as in no. 520),

and successours, charitifly graunted, after his decesse, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, into pure fre and perpetuell almesse, all his londes and tenementis with-in the borough and subarbis of Oxenford, the which laurence held of Henry Doilly by the service of xij. d by yere for all seruyce, that is to sey: that lond the which was of Osbert fadir, the which the hospitall of seynt Iohn with-out the Est gate held for viij. d. by yere; and that lond that was of henry fitz Avbrey, the which yelded xij. d. by yere; and that lond that was of Richard Rasy vndir the Castell of Oxenford, the which yelded yerely v. *shillings* at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Ester xv. d, at Midsomer xv. d, at Mighelmasse xv. d, and at Cristmas xv. d; and the lond of William Burgeys vndir the Castell of Oxenford, the which lond yelded ij. *shillings* by yere, that is to sey, at Estir xij. d, and at myghelmasse xij. d; and the lond of ambrose, the which is beside the lond of lewyn Fosse, the which lond of ambrose yelded ij. *shillings* by yere at the same termes.

and reversion of 4 rent-charges (10*s.*), on tenements held of * **leaf 118, back.** Godstow,

And furthermore he graunted iiij. tenementis that ben of the fee of seynt Iohn Baptist chirch of Godestowe, that is to sey: a tenement that Roger Neis held, yeldyng therof yerely iiij. *shillings* ij. d, that is to sey, at Ester xxv. d and at myghelmasse xxv. d; and another tenement that Roger * Welleblot held, yeldyng therof yerely ij. *shillings*, that is to sey, at Ester xij. d and at myghelmasse xij. d; And another tenement that Roger Osmond held, yeldyng therof yerely xxviij. d, that is to sey, at Ester xiiij. d and at Mighelmasse xiiij d; And another tenement that Brekespere held, yeldyng therof yerely xix. d[1], that is to sey, at Ester ix. d and at Mighelmasse ix. d.

and reversion of a rent-charge of 5*s.* on Godstow lands outside North Gate;

Furthermore he gravnted certayn tenementis without the north yate of Oxenford, the which walter harmer held of the same fee, yeldyng therof yerely v. *shillings*, that is to sey, at Ester xv. d, at Midsomer xv. d, at Mighelmasse xv. d, and at Cristmasse xv. d.

and reversion of a holding in St. Judoc's parish (as in no. 561) [1 lb. of cummin.]

Furthermore he graunted a tenement that Robert home held, in the parissh of seynt Iudoce, and yelded therof yerely ij. *shillings*, that is to sey, at Estir xij. d and at Mighelmasse xij. d, and therof shold be yelded to Richard Beaufu j. li. of Comyn yerely for all seruyce, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse.

[1] Probably in error for 'xviii. d.'

All these tenementis shold' remayn or abide to the fore-named' laurence, as they ben devided' afore, all the dayes of his lyf: And aftir ther[1] decesse, they sholde remayn and abide, sadly and quyetly, to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons ther *ser*uyng god'. And for-asmoche as he willed' all thise thyngis afore I-writte, as they ben aboue diuided', shold' be ferme and stedfast for eu*er*, he put to this writyng his sele, & *cetera*.

all subject to his own life-interest.

[Note.—The parish here called of St. Judoc (confessor, commemorated on July 25) is more commonly styled of St. Budoc, who has no place in the calendar. See Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 44–7. The church and parish disappeared at an early date. In no. 561 the St. Judoc's property is reckoned to be in St. Ebbe's parish.]

[522.] * A Chart*er* of henry Doilly, the sone of henry Doilly, the kyngis Constable, confermyng all the yiftis the which laurence kepeharme made to the mynchons of Godestowe, of the tenementis in Oxenford', the whiche he held' of hym in the same towne.

* leaf 119. About 1210.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that henry Doilly, the son of henry doilly, the kyngis constable, graunted', and w*ith* his chart*er* confermed', to god', & *cetera*, and to Iulian, Abbesse, and to the mynchons of Godestowe there *ser*uyng god, for the love of god' and for the helthe of his sowle and of his wyfes sowle and his auncetours, all the yiftis that laurence kepeharme made to them in Oxenford' of the tenementis that they held' of hym in Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold' to the forsaid' Abbesse and mynchons for ever, into fre pure and p*er*petuel almesse, Savyng xij. d'. to hym and to his heires yerely to be paid' at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. d' and at seynt Marie day in marche vj. d', for all seculer exaccion and demaunde. And that this his graunte, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry Doyly, as overlord, of Laurence Kepeharme's gift of no. 521, retaining the quit-rent as in no. 520.

*** By the Castell of Oxenforde.**

* leaf 141.

[523.] A Chart*er* of Stephyn hamt*on* and William his son*e* and his heire I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. li. of pepir.

About 1220?

The sentence of this evidence is that Stephyn hamt*on* and William his son*e* and heire yaf, and graunted', to god' & *cetera* and to the ladies of Godestowe, j. li. of pepir, the which laurence

Surrender to Godstow, by the Hampton

[1] i.e. 'his.'

family, of 1 lb. pepper and with it of feudal rights over part of Laurence Kepeharme's lands.

kepeharme ought to paye yerely to them of ther lond̄ the which lieth beside the Castell in the Est *par*te[1], into pure and *per*petuel almesse, for the sowles of all ther auncetours, and they and all they shold̄ be fully *par*tyners of there confrat*er*nite, benefetis, and praiers of all the couente. And for al so moche as they wolde, & *cetera*.

* leaf 155, back. About 1360.

*Oxenford Castell.

[524.] A Covenaunte which Anneys, Abbesse of Godestowe, made with Iohn fitz Pagane for xlij. pens by yere.

Agreement between Godstow and John son of Pain, for an increased rent in consideration of an advance of money.

The sentence of this conuencion̄ is, that Iohn fitz pagane shold̄ yeve xlij. d̄. yerely in ij. t*er*mes, that is to sey, at Alhalewyn̄ day xxj. d̄ and in the Annu*n*ciacion̄ of our*e* lady xxj. d̄, for the lond̄ afore the yate of the castel of Oxenford̄, for the which he yelded̄ first xviij. d̄ to the chirch of Godestowe. And for the encrese of the ij. *shillings* of rente, [they] yaf to the forsaid̄ Iohn xx. *shillings* in his grete nede. And the said̄ Abbesse and couente *gra*unted̄ this couenaunte to be sure to the forsaid̄ Iohn and to his heires. Thise beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

[Quit-rents from Peter son of Torald.]

* leaf 119, back. About 1250.

[525.] *A Chart*er* of Petir fitz Torald̄ I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for xiiij. *shillings* of rente in Alhalewyn̄ parissh, and of vj. *shillings* of rent in seynt crosses parissh and ij. *shillings* of rent in the same parisshe.

Grants to Godstow, by Peter son of Torald, of 14*s*. rent-charge in All Saints, * leaf 120. subject to 1*s*. quit-rent (see no. 554);

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Petir fitz Torald̄ graunted̄, lete, and quyte-claymed̄, for hym and his heires for eu*er*, to god̄ & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, in-to pure and *per*petuel almesse, xiiij. *shillings* of yerely rent of ij. mesis[2] the which Walter Goldsmyth *held̄ of hym in all halewyn̄ parissh of Oxenford̄, of the which xiiij. *shillings* of rent the mynchons of Godestowe yelded̄ to the chief lord̄ of that fee xij. d̄ by yere for all seruyce.

[1] The position of the Castle to the west of it puts this land in what is now St. Peter le Baily parish.

[2] See nos. 548–553.

He graunted also, and yaf, to the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe, vj. *shillings* of yerely rent of the londe that Richard Wever and his wyf held of hym in seynt Crosses parish[1] in the subarbis of Oxenford, the which lond they held of hym to the lyf of them; And after ther dethe the forsaid lond, the which they held of hym for vj. *shillings* by yere, shold turne agayn and abide to the mynchons of Godestowe for euer. He graunted also, and yaf, to the forsaid mynchons of Godestowe, ij. *shillings* of yerely rent of the lond the which William fitz Gerard held of hym in the forsaid parish of seynt Crosse. Of the which ij. aforsaid tenementis the mynchons of Godestowe shold yerely pay, to the person of seynt Petir and of seynt Crosse of halywelle, xvj. d. for all seruyce. And that thise aforsaid thyngis, & *cetera*.

and of 6*s*. rent-charge in Holywell with reversion of the land which paid it;

and of 2*s* rent-charge in Holywell: quit-rents to rectory of St. Peter-in-the-East, 1*s*. 4*d*.

[Lands acquired from Stephen son of Waryn miller.]

[Note.—These lands seem to have been near the corner where Canterbury Gate of Christ Church comes up to Corpus Christi College, and so partly in St. Edward's, partly in St. Frideswyde's, and partly in St. John's parishes.]

[526.] *A charter of Adam Fitz Richard Goldesmyth I-made to Waryne Myller for all his lond that fille to hym by queste[2] of his Fadir.

* leaf 131. About 1190.

The sentence of this charter is, that Adam fitz Richard Goldsmyth, with the wille and consente of Iugen his moder and Geffrey and Reynold his bretheren, graunted, lette, and delyuered, to Waryne Miller all his lond that fille to hym of the queste[2] of Richard his fadir, the whiche lond lieth bitwene the kyngis hye-wey and the lond of William kysseblancpayn, and in depith vnto the lond of Robert Pur of Chester behynde the lond of William kysseblancpayn: To be hold, to hym and to his heires, of hym and his heires, surely and stedfastly in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely iiij. *shillings* at ij. termes of the yere, for all exaccion and seruyce, that is to sey, ij. *shillings* at Mighelmasse and ij. *shillings* at palme sonday: and for this her graunte and letyng of lond the forenamed Waryne yaf to hym ij. marke of siluer in warison, and made to hym fewte of the tenement. And

Grant to Waryn miller, by Adam son of Richard goldsmyth, of land (probably in St. Frideswyde's parish).

Quit-rent, 4*s*.

Purchase-money, £1 6*s*. 8*d*.

[Doing fealty]

[1] See no. 636.

[2] 'Quest' = bequest: the Latin is 'ex legato patris mei.'

he and his heires warantiȝed̄ to hym and to his heires the tenure ayenst all̄ men and women. And that this his grauntyng and letyng of the forsaid̄ tenement shold̄ be sure for euer, to the forsaid̄ Waryn̄ and to his heires, of hym and his heires, he confermed̄ [hit] with the puttyng to of his seale, & *cetera*.

About 1190.

[527.] A charter of Geffrey Goldsmyth̄ to Waryne Miller confermyng the same.

Confirmation to Waryn miller, by Jeffrey (son of Jeffrey) goldsmith, brother of grantor, of no. 526. * leaf 131, back.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Geffrey Goldsmyth̄ graunted̄ & *cetera* to Waryne, Miller, all̄ that lond̄ of his owne, the which lieth̄ in brede bitwene the lane and the lond̄ that was of William kysseblancpayn̄, and in lengthe fro the strete vnto the lond̄ of Thomas fitz Elrice and behynde the lond̄ of william kysseblancpayn̄ vnto the lond̄ of Robert Pur of Chester, to hym and to his heires, to be had̄ and to be holde, of * hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly fully and holy, in brede and lengthe, as hit is I-put afore, yeldyng therof yerely iiij. *shillings* at ij. termes of the yere for all̄ seruyce, as the charter of Adam his brother of that same lond̄ witnesseth̄, that is to sey, ij. *shillings* at Mighelmasse and ij. *shillings* at palme sonday: and he and his heires shold̄ warantiȝe all̄ the forsaid̄ lond̄, holy, to the forsaid̄ Waryne and to his heires, ayenst all̄ men and women. And for this his graunte, & *cetera*, the afore-named̄ Waryne yaf to hym ij. besauntis in warison̄, and did̄ fewte to hym of the same tenement. And hit is to be know that Adam his brother lete and toke by his wille and his graunte all̄ the forsaid̄ lond̄ to the forsaid̄ Waryne: To be had̄ and to be holde, heritably, as the charter of the same Adam witnesseth̄. And that this his graunte, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, 2 silver bezants = 4*s*. [Doing fealty.]

About 1190.

[528.] A Charter of Richard̄ Rasy and Gunnylde his wyf I-made to Waryne Miller for all̄ ther londe in Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

Sale to Waryn miller, by Richard Rasy, of land near no. 526.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Richard̄ Rasy and Gunnylde his wyf graunted̄, lete, and delyuered̄, to Waryne Miller̄ ther lond̄ that lieth̄ bitwene the lond̄ of Adam Chynnore and the lond̄ of the same Waryne: To be had̄ and to be holde, to hym and to his heires, of them and ther heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly, worshipfully and holy, in lengthe

and in brede and in depenesse, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther heires xiij. d, at ij. *termes* of the yere, for all *seruyce*, that is to sey, vj. d ob*olus* at Ester and vj. d ob*olus* at Mighelmasse. And for ther graunte, & *cetera*, the afore-named Waryne yaf to them ij. marke of siluer for a recognicion. And they and ther heires warantized to the forsaid Waryne and to his heires the foresaid lond, holy, ayenst all men and women that myght live or dye. And for-asmoche as they willed that the forsaid lond shold be sure to the forsaid Waryne and to his heires, of them and ther heires, they confermed hit to-gedirs with ther seales, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, 13*d*.

Purchase-money, £1 6*s*. 8*d*.

[529.] A charter of Stephyn fitz Waryne Miller of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for shiphalle and another halle in Scynt Iohn-is strete in Oxenford, & *cetera*.

About 1230.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Stephyn fitz Waryne yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe, for hym and his heires for ever, ther[1] seruyng god and to serue for euer, for the helthe of his sowle and for the sowles of his fadir and modir and also of his wyf Molde, all the londe that he had by right heritage and possessed in the towne of Oxenford, with all his pertynentis, that is to sey, all that lond that his fadir bought of Adam fitz Richard Goldsmyth, the which lieth bitwene the kyngis hye-wey and the lond that was somtyme of william kysseblancpayn, And the said lond strecchith hit-self in depthe vnto the lond that was somtyme of Thomas fitz Ailrich and vnto the lond that was somtyme of Robert Pur of chestre behynde the lond that was some*tyme of William kysseblancpayn the which is in seynt Frideswith parisshe; Also all the lond that he held and had of the priour of seynt Frideswith, the whiche is in seynt Iohn-is strete of Oxenford, the which lieth bitwene the lond that Albert somtyme held and the lond that William Waterman somtyme held; Also all the lond that he held and had of Richard Rasy and Gunnylde his wyf, that is to sey, that lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Adam Chynnore, and the lond that his fadir held somtyme of Adam fitz Richard Goldsmyth: To be hold and to be had for euer, to the said

Cancelled draft (see no. 530) of grant to Godstow, by Stephen son of Waryn miller,

of no. 526 (now called Ship Hall);

* leaf 132.

and of no. 639;

and of no. 528.

[1] Take in after 'Godstowe.'

mynchons seruyng god in the said monastery and to serue, with all there pertynentis, into free and perpetuel almesse, doyng natheles therfor yerely to the chief lordis of tho feis seruyce to them dew therof, after the tenour of the charters the which his fader had therof, and yeldyng yerely to hym and to his heires ij. d. of siluer at Ester, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the said Stephyn and his heires warantized to the said mynchons and to ther successours for euer all the forsaid londes and tenementis, with all ther pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to his grete nede, that is to sey, to aquyte hym of the Iewrye and in other placis where he was indetted, x. marke of siluer in warison. And that this yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent to the mesne lord, 2*d*.

[Debt to the Jews.] Purchase-money, £6 13*s*. 4*d*.

* leaf 141. About 1230.

[530.] * A Charter of Stephyn fitz Waryn myller of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all his londes, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Stephen, son of Waryn miller,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Stephyn fitz Waryn myller of Oxenford yaf & *cetera*, for hym and his heires for euer, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for ever, for the helthe of ther sowles and the sowles of ther fadir and moder and of Molde his wyf, all that lond the which he had and was possessed of by right heritage in the towne of Oxenford, with all his pertynentis: that is to sey, all that lond the which his fadir bought of Adam fitz * Richard Goldsmyth, the which lieth bitwene the place [1] of the kyng and the lond that was somtyme of William Cusse-blankpayne, and his said lond strecchith hit-self in depyth vnto the lond that was somtyme of Thomas fitz Ailrich and vnto the lond that was somtyme of Robert Porchestre behynde the lond that was somtyme of William Cusseblank-payne, the which is in seynt Frideswith parissh, the which is in seynt Iohn strete of Oxenford; Also all the londe that he held of the priour of seynt Frideswith, the which lieth bitwene the lond that Alberte held somtyme and the lond that William Waterman held somtyme; And all the lond that he held and

of (*a*) land formerly of Adam goldsmith (no. 526), * leaf 141, back.

(*b*) land held of St. Frides-wyde's Priory (no. 639); and (*c*) land

[1] The Latin has 'inter placeam domini regis.' The reference is to a lane now blocked, which in nos. 526 and 527 was open, possibly leading to a postern in the southern wall of Oxford.

was possessed of Richard Rasy and Gonnylde his wyf, that is to sey, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Adam Chynnor and the lond the which his fadir somtyme bought of Adam fitz Richard Goldsmyth: To be hold and to be had for euer, to the seid mynchons in the said monastery seruyng and to serue, with all the pertynentis, into fre and perpetuell almesse, Doyng nathelese þerof yerely vnto the chief lordes of the fees seruyce dew and I-wonyd to them therof, after the tenoure of the charters the which his fader had therof, Also yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d. of siluer at Ester, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the said Stephyn and his heires warantized to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours for euer all þe forsaid londes and tenementis, with all ther pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to them to ther grete nede, that is to sey, to aquyte hym of the Iewry and otherwise where he was endited x. markes of siluer in warison. And furthermore they graunted to hym and to his wyf molde, with ther seruant to serve them while they lived, two corrodies of ij. mynchons and a corrodye of one seruant to ther susteynynge. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

formerly of Richard Rasy (no. 528).

Quit-rent to the mesne lord, 1*d*.

[Debt in the Jewry.] Purchase-money, £6 13*s*. 4*d*., and three corrodies.

[Lands of Hugh Palmer.]

[531.] *A Charter of couenaunte I-made bitwene Anneys, the doughter of William Aunfrey, and hugh Pavmer of Oxenford for all his[1] londes and rentes in Oxenford and in the subarbis therof.

* leaf 155. About 1260.

The sentence is this, that a couenaunte was I-made, bitwene Anneys, the doughtir somtyme of William Aunfrey[2] of Oxenford, of the one partie, and hugh Paumere, Cordewaner, of the other parte, that is to sey, that the forsaid Anneys yaf, & *cetera*, to the forsaid hugh all her londes and rentis in the towne and subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires and to his assignes, as hit is dyvyded and conteyned in the charter that the forsaid Anneys made specially of the forsaid londes tenementis and rentis. And for this yifte,

Agreement between Hugh Palmer and Agnes Humfrey, by which Hugh takes Agnes's lands,

[1] 'his' for 'her.' [2] 'Humfrey' in the duplicate, no. 532.

undertaking to provide her with board, clothing, and lodging, till her death or her taking the veil, and to pay her £13 6*s.* 8*d.* when she took the veil, or bequeath her that sum if he died before that, or if she died before taking the veil to allow her to bequeath £13 6*s.* 8*d.* as she pleased.

& *cetera*, the forsaid hugh shold fynde the forsaid Anneys worshipfully, al so longe as she lived, in vitaile clothyng and shoyng and in all other necessaries, So that the forsaid Anneys shold redely *ser*ue the forsaid hugh, as she did afore, tille she willed to translate her-self into religion; And whan she wold entir religion, the forsaid hugh shold yeve to the same xx. marke into subsidie. And yf hit so happened that the forsaid hugh died or she entred religion, he shold yeve to her xx. mark, aforsaid to do after her owne wille, so that the forsaid hugh shold not have powere to make a testament of the forsaid londes, rentis, and tenementis, goodes mevable and vnmeuable, in the towne of Oxenford and subarbis, nother his executo*urs* shold not have no admynystracion of his goodes, tille the forsaid Anneys were fully I-satisfyed of the forsaid xx. marke. And yf hit happened that the forsaid Anneys dyed or she entred religion, hit shold be lawfull to be-queth the forsaide xx. mark, to whom-so-eu*er* she wold, or to co*m*mytte them to the disposicion of her executo*urs* in her testament. And to this couenaunte truly and *with*-out gyle to be hold, bothe pa*r*ties sured ther trouth, and to this wrytyng of either pa*r*tie eu*er*y*c*h of them sette seales to other, þise beyng, & *cetera*.

* leaf 139, back.

*** The parisshes of seynt myghell at the north yate, seynt Olde, and seynt Mighell at the South yate, and of Seynt Edwarde.**

About 1260.

[532.] A Charter of Anneys, somtyme the doughtere of William humfrey of Oxenford, I-made to hugh Paumer the sone of Raf Paumere, for all his [1] londes and rentes in Oxenford and in the subarbes of Oxenford, & *cetera*.

Cancelled draft of a grant (see no. 531) to Hugh Palmer, by Agnes Humfrey, of land in St. Mary's parish;

The sentence of this charter is, that Anneys, somtyme the doughter of william humfrey of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera*, for her and her heires, to hugh Paumer the sone of Raf Paumere of Oxenford, all his [1] londes and rentes in the towne and subarbes of Oxenford, that is to sey, that lond [2] in length and in brede, *with* all his pertynentis, the which was somtyme of Iohn Bridporte, and hit lieth bitwene the lond of William Spysere the

[1] 'his,' as often, for 'her.' [2] In St. Mary's parish: see nos. 640 and 644.

yonger of the one *parte* and the lond' that was of Aleyñ fitz Walt*er* of the other *parte*, in seynt Olde[1] parissh; and that selde in Cordewaynrye, the [which] selde is I-sette bitwene the lond' that was somtyme of Rob*ert* Oweyñ of the one *parte* and the lond' of Walter Feteplace of the other, in seynt Mighels parissh of the north of Oxoñ; * And of the solar*e* aboue the forsaid' seld', xij. d' of yerely rente; And of the tenemente[s] in seynt Olde parissh, of the which Iohn longe holdith one, and the heires of Adam Dissh the second', and the assignes of Rob*ert* Cachefreynes the thirde, of xiiij. *shillings* vj. d'; and of the lond' of Rob*ert* Shireburñ, the which is bitwene the lond' of Geffrey Stamdell of the one *parte* and the lond' that was somtyme of William Farendoñ of the other *parte*, in the same parissh, xij. d'; And of the lond' of Andrew derh*am*, the which is [between] the lond' of the hospitall of seynt Iohn of the other *parte* and the lond' of laurence Wyth of the other *parte* in the same parissh, j. d'; And of the lond' that was somtyme of William Smarteknave, vndir the walle, *with*-out the south yate, in seynt Mighels parissh of the South of Oxenford', the which is bitwene the lond' of Iohn Britoñ of the one *parte* and the lond' of Rob*ert* Clanefeld' of the other, iij. *shillings*; And of the lond' that was of Symeoñ Walyngford', *with*-oute the lytell yate, iiij. d'; And of the lond', the which Rob*ert* Cro*m*me held' in seynt Edwardes parissh of Oxenford', vj. d': To be hadde and to be hold', to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires or his assignes, *with* all rightes and clayme that [s]he had' or myght have by descent or by a-chete or by ony man*er* right in all the forsaid' londes and tenementis and rentes, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for ever*e*, yeldyng therof to the chief lordes of the forsaid' fees dew seruyce and I-woned', And to her and to her heires j. paire of white gloves of j. d' at Ester, for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde. And Anneys and her heires warantized' aquyted' and defended', by the forsaid' seruyce, all the forsaid' tenementes londes and rentes, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, to the said' hugh and to his heires and to his assignes ayenst all men and women for euer. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' hugh yaf to her before handes xx. marke of sterlynges. And þat all these afore, & *cetera*.

a seld in the Cordwainry in St. Michael's-at-North-Gate parish, with a quit-rent from a solar over it; rent-charges on tenements in St. Aldate's parish;

a rent-charge on land in St. Michael's-at-South-Gate parish; a rent-charge on land outside Little Gate (in St. Ebbe's parish?); and a rent-charge in St. Edward's parish.

Quit-rent to the mesne lord, gloves.

Purchase-money, £13 6*s*. 8*d*.

* leaf 140.

[1] The Latin has 'Sancte Edarie,' a badly written attempt at 'Marie.' It is correctly given as 'seynt Mary' in no. 533.

* leaf 114, back.

[533.] * A Charter of hugh Palmer of Oxenford for all his londis and rentis in the towne and subarbis of Oxenford.

About 1270.

The parissh of Seynt Olde.

Grant to Godstow, by Hugh Palmer, of lands and rent-charges as in nos. 531, 532,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Hugh Palmer of Oxenford yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for euer, all his londis and rentis in the towne and subarbis of Oxenford, that is to sey, all that lond in length and in brede, with all his pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond of William Spicenare of the one parte and the lond of Geffrey vndir the walle of the other parte, in seynt mary parissh; and all that selde in Cordewenare, that is bitwene the lond þat was somtyme of Robert Oweyn and the lond of Walter Feteplace, in seynt Mighell parissh of the north of Oxenford; and xiiij. *shillings* vj. d. of yerely rent of the tenement, in the parissh of seynt Olde, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Iohn Rennewaite and the venelle (*anglicè*, a lane) that leadith to the Backehowse; and xij. d. of yerely rent of the lond that was somtyme of Robert Shireburn, in the same parissh, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Richard Elsefeld and the lond that was somtyme of William Farendon; and iij. *shillings* of yerely rent of the lond that lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Iohn Burton and the lond of henry perle,

[St. Aldate's.]

* leaf 115.

* vndir the walle of Oxenford, in the parissh of seynt Michell at the Sowthe yate; and xvj. *shillings* of yerely rent, in the same parissh, vndir the walle, at sullewyngstole, of the lond that lieth bitwene the lond of Piers Wynburn and the lond of Nicholas Criklade; and j. acre of mede in the bisshoppisheyte as the lotte wolle yeve: To be had and to be hold, with all the forsaide rentis and pertynentis, withyn the borow of Oxenford and with-out, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, into pure and perpetuel almes, al so frely and goodly as ony almesse myght be yeve or assigned for euer, Savyng the rentis of the said londis and tenementis dew and I-wonyd in tymys I-ordeyned. And that all these thyngis, & *cetera*.

with other rents and lands.

[Meadow by lot: see in no. 607.]

[Lands of Robert Maynard, chaplain of Godstow.]

[534.] *A conuencion I-made bitwene the abbesse and Couent and the forsaid Robert Maynard for certayn londes. * leaf 92, back. 1272, Dec. 25.

Grant of life-rent, by Godstow, to Robert Maynard,

of 8 acres in Beaumont

and 1 acre in St. Giles's.

* leaf 93.

Grant to cease if Robert become a monk or friar.

Quit-rent, 9*s*.

THIS conuencion was I-made in the fest of oure lordis birthe, the yere of grace Mł. CC. lxxij., bitwene the religeous ladies the abbesse of Godestow and the Couent of the same place, and Robert maynard of Oxenford, Chapeleyn, of the other *parte*: that is to sey, that the said Religious ladyes, for them and their successours, graunte and lette to the said Robert to the ende of his lyf ix. acris of lond, that is to sey, v. acris in Bewmounte the which were somtyme of wylberte Sowter; also in the same feld, iij. acris, the which lye bitwene the lond of Iohn Culuerd of the one *parte* and the lond that is I-called diche acre of the other *parte*; Furthermore, j. acre, which lieth in the *parissh* of seynt Gyles, bytwene the lond * of Petir Godeale of the one *parte* and the lond of william of Irlond somtyme held of the other *parte*: To be had, to the seid Robert al so longe as he lived in seculer habite, of the forsaid abbesse and couent and ther successours, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, yeldyng therof to the forsaid religious ladies and to ther successours ix. *shillings* of siluer at ij. *termes* of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmas iiij. *shillings* vj. d and at the Annunciacion of our lady iiij. *shillings* vj. d, for all custome and demaunde. And the seid Abbesse and mynchons or religious ladies and ther successours warantized all the said lond to the said Robert al so long as he lived ayenst all men. And yf the said Robert died, or entred religion, all the said lond, *with*-out ony lessenyng or agayn-saiyng of the said Robert or of his assignes, shold turne agayn to the said Religious ladies or to *þere* successours. Into witnesse of the which thyng, & *cetera*, bothe *parties* put to ther seales everiche to other, & *cetera*.

[535.] *A charter of maister Robert maynard of iij. acris of lond in bewmounte. * leaf 92, back. 1284.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Robert

THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert maynard of Oxenford, chapelayn, yaf and quyte-claymed vttirly, to god

Maynard, of all right in 3 acres (part of no. 534).

& *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe þere seruyng god and to serue for euer, for his soule and for the soules of his auncetours, iij. acris of his arable lond, tho (that is to sey) the which lien in Bewmounte, bitwene the lond of Iohn Caluert of the one parte, and the lond that is I-called dyche acre of the other parte, the which he held afore in fee of the forsaid mynchons: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaide mynchons and to ther successours, for hym and his heires or his assignes, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse for ever, So that the said Robert or his heires or his assignes shold not in no wise chalenge ne neuer [ask] right ne clayme in the forsaid iij. acris of lond with ther pertynentis. And that this his yifte and graunte and quyteclaymyng shold be sure and stable, & *cetera* [1].

About 1284.

[536.] A quyte-clayme of Robert Maynard of his lond in Bewmounte.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Robert Maynard, of all title in two half-acres (possibly part of 534),

one to go to the Infirmary of Godstow.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is that Robert Maynard of Oxenford, for hym and his heires, graunted, and quyte-claymed for euer, for the helthe of his soule, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god and to serve for euer, j. half acre of arable lond, the which lieth in the subarbis of Oxenford in Bewmounte, bitwene the lond of Iohn Culuard of the one parte and the lond that is I-called the harmlond of the other parte. Also he lefte and quyte-claymed to the same mynchons, to the nede of the fermory of Godestowe, j. other half acre of lond, the which also lieth in Bewmounte, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse and mynchons of the forsaid place, of þe one parte, and the lond of William Craumpe, of the other: To be had and to be hold, to the said abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for ever. Into the witnesse of the whiche thynge, & *cetera*.

[Licences in Mortmain for properties in and near Oxford.]

* leaf 192. 1291, March 10.

[537.] *Another Licence I-made to Odo Watlyngtõ and to Alice fitz Alice Southam for ij. mesys to be mortised in Oxenford.

Licence in mortmain, by Edward I,

The sentence of this charter is, that Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, willed to be know that,

[1] Among the witnesses are: Nicholas of Kingston, *maior*, and Andrew of Derham, Philip of O., *balliri*, of Oxford, who took office in Sept. 1283.

though hit were provided by the comon counseil of his reame and ordeyned that hit shold not be lawfull to Religious peple or to other to entre the fee of ony man so that hit shold come to morte-mayne with-oute his licence and of the chief lord of the which hit was I-holde inmediatly, He willyng nathelesse yaf speciall licence, to Odo of watlyngton, and to Alice the doughtir of Alice Southam, al so moch as was in hym, that the same Odo and Alice myght yeve and assigne to his welbeloued in crist, the abbesse and Couent of Godstow, two mesys with ther pertynentis in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold to the said abbesse and Couente and to ther successours for ever. And also he yaf a speciall licence to the same Abbesse and Couente that they myght resceive tho houses of the same Odo and Alice, notwithstondyng[1] that the same Odo and Alice or her heires, or the forsaid abbesse and Couent or ther successours, by the cause of the forsaid statute, shold be occasioned or greved in ony thynge therof by hym or by his heires, Savyng nathelesse seruyces of the same fee dewe and I-woned to the chief lordes of that fee. Into witnesse of the which he made to be made his patente lettres, Hym-self beyng witnesse, at Longe Icchyntoñ, the x. day of Marche, the xix. yere of his reigne, & *cetera*.

empowering Godstow to receive a messuage in St. Frideswyde's parish (no. 566) from Odo, chaplain of Godstow, and a messuage (no. 652) in St. Mary's parish from Alice Southam.

[In Warwickshire.]

[Note.—The convenience of having only one licence, in the cumbrous process of acquiring several lands in mortmain, has brought into one deed Odo of Watlington, chaplain of Godstow, and Alice Sotham, an inmate or pensioner (no. 652) of the nunnery. By a slip, Mr. Wigram, in his *Cartulary of St. Frideswide*, i. 123, has married them ('licence for Odo of Watlington and Alice his wife to give, and . . . Godstow to receive two messuages').]

[538.] *A Charter of Odo, Chapeleyñ, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for a mese with the pertynentis and xx. *shillings* of yerely rent in Seynt Mary parissh of Oxenford.

* leaf 113. 1291.

The sentence of this charter is that Odo, Chapelayñ of Godestowe, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god and for ever to serue, a mese with his pertynentis, that is I-sette bitwene the lond that was of Roger Sauser of the one parte and the lond of moolde hordle of the other, in the strete of Shideward, in the parissh of seynt Frideswyde of Oxenford; also with xx. *shillings* of yerely rent

Sale to Godstow, by Odo, chaplain (who had been acting as agent of the convent), of a messuage (no. 566) in

[1] In error for 'not willing.'

St. Frideswyde's parish; and of a rent-charge (no. 658) over a messuage (no. 649) in St. Mary's parish.

of all that tenement that is I-sette bitwene the house of Iohn Weston of the west *parte* and the strete that is I-called Shideyerde of the Est *parte*, in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford, the which tenement Thomas Sowtham somtyme held in the same parissh, *with* all the right and clayme that myght hap to hym or to his heires of all the forsaid tenement because of the xx. *shillings*: To be had and to be hold, to the seid mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerly to hym to his heires or to his assignes j. clowe-gelofre at Ester; and to the priour of seynt Frideswythe of Oxenford iiij. *shillings* at ij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* and at our lady day in marche ij. *shillings*, for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde: and the forsaid Odo, his heires, or his assignes, warantized, aquyted and for eu*er* defended, all the forsaid mese, also *with* the forsaid xx. *shillings* of rent of the same tenement that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham, to the seid mynchons and to ther successours. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym liij. marks. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rents, a clove-gilliflower at Easter to the mesne lord, and 4*s.* to the chief lord (St. Frideswyde's Priory).

Purchase-money, £35 6*s.* 8*d.*

* leaf 111. 1321, May 8.

[539.] * An Inquysicion I-made of a mese and an acre of mede in the subarbis of Oxenford and ij. placis of the co*mmun*e pasture *in* wolgarecote.

Proof that Godstow had owned [John before the Latin gate = May 6.] a messuage and meadow in Walton, and two pasture-lands in Wolvercote, * leaf 111, back. before the Statute in Mortmain

THE sentence of this evidence is, that ther was an Inquysicion I-take, afore the Eschetour of the kyng a this half the water of Trente, at Oxenford, the friday next aftir the fest of seynt Iohn the port latyn, the xiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward, by the vertu of the[1] which brefis were directed to hym at the suggestion of the abbesse of Godestowe, I-made in the kyngis courte,

of a mese and j. acre of mede in the subarbis of Oxenford, and ij. placis of good pasture in wolgarecote, that were I-gote to the same house longe afore the publicacion or openyng of the statute I-made of londis and tenementes *not to be put to morte-mayne; And of a mese and x. acris of lond *with* the *per*tynentis in the same subarbis, the which she held of the

[1] Read 'the brefis which.' The Latin is 'virtute cuiusd*am* brevis sibi directi [MS. has 'directis' in error] ad suggestionem abbatisse.'

kyng in chief, to have alienēd into[1] pure and perpetuel almesse, to Thomas Tyes to the terme of his lyf, by the licence of kyng Edwarde the fadir of the kyng, but licence not I-gote of the kyng that was at that tyme : (7 Edw. I, 1279); and had not leased a messuage and 10 acres in Walton to Thomas Tyes.

vpon tho thyngis, by the othe of Robert Boteley, William leigh, Robert Cramforde, Iohn londoñ, Stephyñ Dounylle, Iohn Wyghthuſſ, Thomas Boste, Robert heyforde, Thomas hore, William Witney, Iohn Fouke, and Iohn Iarme, I-swore, the which [said] by there othe that the forsaide mese and j. acre of mede the which beñ in Waltoñ in the subarbis of Oxenforde, And the forsaide ij. placis of goode pastures the which beñ in Wolgarecote in the hundrede of Wottoñ, longe afore þe publisshyng or openyng of the statute aforsaide, were I-gote of olde fundacioñ to the chirche of Godestowe in tyme out of mynde. They saide also that one mese and x. acris of londe, *with* the pertynentis, in the same subarbis, were never alienēd to Thomas Tyes aforsaide to the terme of his lyf, nother other-wise, but he held hem at the wille of the seide abbesse in villenage or bondage. Into witnesse of the which the forsaide Iuryours put to this Inquysicioñ ther seales : The date, day, place, and yere aboveseide.

[Lease of the Cherwell fishery.]

[540.] *A Charter of ther fysshweres of Charewelle I-lete to ferme vnto Henry Kyngestoñ and William More, Fysshers. *leaf 105. About 1330.

The sentence of this charter is, that the abbesse of Godestowe and the Couent of the same place yaf, graunted, and lete, to henry kyngestoñ and to william more, Fysshers, ther seuerall fysshwere in the subarbis of Oxenforde that is I-called Charwelle, the which Raaf [le] Walle held of them to the terme of his lyf, *with* all the stremys[2], hammys, and Ilis, weyes, pathis, commoditeis, and all other pertynentis, [and all other eysementis] longyng to the forsaide stremys of the fysshwere, [with the] hammys [and] Ilis in ony wise longyng therto : To be had and to be holde, to the saide henry and william, to all ther lyf or to the other of them that lived lengest, of them and ther successours, yeldyng Lease for two lives, by Godstow, of a fishery in Cherwell, with appended meadow-strips,

[1] Take with 'in chief.' [2] 'gurgites,' i.e. weirs, in the Latin.

yearly quit-rent, £2.

therof, to them and to ther successours, al so longe as ony of them lived, xl. *shillings* at iiij. pryncipall and vsuall termes of the yere by egall porcions. And the forsaid abbesse and Covent warantized & aquyted the forsaid fyssheweris, stremys, hammys, Ilis, with all ther pertynentis, and all other eysementis in ony wise longyng to the said fyssheweris, stremys, hammys, and Ilis, to all the lif of the forsaid henry and william or to the other of them lengest livyng, for the forsaid rent, ayenst all peple. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid henry and william yaf to them vj. mark, of sterlyngis afore handis. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £4.

[Note.—Among the witnesses are John (died 1348) son of William Bost; Walter son of Walter (flor. 1290) Bost. This fishery had been acquired by Godstow before 1145, being then included in Empress Maud's confirmation (no. 876). We may conjecture it to have been at Patten's or Parson's Pleasure.]

[Oxford parishes.]

[St. Aldate's parish: see nos. 532 and 533.]

* leaf 119.

*The parissh of All Halewyn [i. e. All Saints].

[John Pill's grant.]

* leaf 121. About 1230.

[541.] *A Charter of laurence fitz Raaf I-made to Iohn Pylle for a selde in Alle halewyn parisshe in Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

Grant to John Pill, by Laurence son of Ralph, of a seld.

The sentence of this charter is, that Laurence fitz Raaf yaf & *cetera*, to Iohn Pylle, that selde, with the pertynentis, the which is next to the lond of Iohn fitz Iohn Pady of the west parte, in All halewyn parissh in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym his heires or his assignes, in fee and heritage frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely j. d. at Cristmasse for all seruyce and demaunde: and he and his heires sholde susteyn plancherin and the coveryng above the forsaid seld, with the pertynentis, lest the dwellers in hit toke harme. And he and his heires sholde resceive the water vpon the grounde fro the goter of the forsaid seld. And he warantized the same afore-named selde, with the wyndowe as hit was at that tyme, with all other pertynentis,

Quit-rent, 1*d.* at Christmas. Tenant to repair. Grantor to suffer water-drip, and to guarantee

to the forsaid' Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes, ayenst aⁿ men and women. And that aⁿ thise aforesaid' thynges, & *cetera*. window-right.

[542.] *A Charter of laurence fitz Raaf I-made to Iohn Pille for a selde with the pertynentis. * leaf 120, back. About 1230.

* leaf 121.

*The sentence of this charter is, that laurence fitz Raaf graunted', lete, and delyuered', to Iohn Pylle that selde, with the pertynentis, the which is beside the gate [1] of the Est parte in Aⁿ halewyn parissh in Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d'. at Cristmasse for aⁿ seruyce and exaccion. And he and his heires warantized' the forsaid' selde, with the pertynentis, and with fre entryng and goyng out, to the forsaid' Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes, ayenst aⁿ men and women: Savyng nathelesse that Robert, Coteler [2], shold' hold' the forsaid' selde of the forsaid' Iohn, even like as he held' hit of hym, for half j. marke by yere al so longe as the same Robert lived', And aftir the dethe of the forsaid' Robert the forsaid' selde shold' abide to the forsaid' Iohn and to his heires or to his assignes for ever. And he and his heires shold' susteyn plancherin and the coveryng aboue the selde aforsaid' lest the dwellers toke harme. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' Iohn yaf to hym v. marke and j. halfe in warison. And that thise thynges aforsaid', & *cetera*.

Sale to John Pill, by Laurence son of Ralph, of a seld, quit-rent, 1*d.* at Christmas, subject to Robert cutler's life-interest (at 6*s.* 8*d.* yearly rent), and under obligation to repair. Purchase-money, £3 13*s.* 4*d.*

[543.] *A Charter of Petir fitz Iohn Pille of Oxenford', I-made to Iohane his sustir, for ij. Seldis in Aⁿ Halewyn parissh of Oxenford'. * leaf 119. About 1250.

*The sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Iohn Pille of Oxenford', yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohane his sustir aⁿ that selde, with the pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond' of Iohn Pady and the lond' that was somtyme of Andrew Alegod', in aⁿ Halewyn parissh of Oxenford'; Furthermore, he yaf and graunted', and with his charter confermed', to the forsaid' Iohan, aⁿ his right

Sale to Joan Pill, by her brother Peter, of no. 541,

[1] Read 'his gate.' Latin has 'portam meam.' In no. 544 it is again so described: in no. 543 it has become 'the gate of Geffry Henxhey.'

[2] 'blacksmyth,' in nos. 544 and 546.

and of no. 542.

that he had' or myght have in that seld', *with* the *per*tynentis, that Robert Blaksmyth held', the which is beside the yate of Geffrey henxhey of the Est *par*te, even ayenst Alhalowyn chirche in Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to her and to her heires or to her assignes to which-so-ever she wold' yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit in helth or in sikenesse, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordis of that fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd', and to hym and to his heires one paire of white gloves at Estir, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And Petir and his heires warantiȝed', aquyted', and defended' the forsaid' ij. seldes, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid' Iohane and her heires or to ther assignes, as hit is afore departed', ayenst all men and women, by the forsaid' *ser*uyce for eu*er*. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the *forsaid' Iohane yaf to hym one marke of siluere by-fore handis. And that thise afore-writen and afore-diuided' thynges shold' abide sure and stedfast with-oute gyle for ever, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent to the mesne lord, white gloves at Easter.

*leaf 119, back. Purchase-money, 13*s. 4*d*.

*leaf 121. About 1250.

[544.] *A Charter of Petir fitȝ Iohn Pylle of Oxenford' I-made to Iohane his Sustir for that selde with the *per*tynentis.

Cancelled draft of grant (see no. 543) to Joan Pill, by her brother Peter, of no. 542, and no. 541.

*leaf 121, back.

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitȝ Iohn Pylle of Oxenforde yaf & *cetera* to Iohane his sustir, for her service, that selde, *with* his *per*tynentis, that Robert Blaksmyth[1] that tyme helde, the which selde is most next to the entryng of that lond' the which was of Laur*e*nce fitȝ Raaf; and that seld' also [that at] that tyme helde Moolde, heymonger, *with* all his *per*tynentis, the which also is (*with* the solare and tenement of the forsaid' Laurence somtyme fitȝ Raaf) in Alle halewyn parissh of *Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' Iohane and to her heires and to her assignes, frely quyetly holy and pesibly for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordes of the fee dewe *ser*uyce and I-wonyd', and to hy*m* and to his heires j. d' at Ester for all service, exaccion, and demaunde. And Petir and his heires warantiȝed' the forsaid' ij seldes *with* all *þere* *per*tynentis to the forsaid' Iohan and to his[2] heires and assignes ayenst all men and women for eu*er*. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[3].

[1] 'Coteler,' in no. 542. [2] 'his' for 'her.'
[3] One witness is 'Dominus Rog*er*us rector ecc*l*esie *sanc*ti Mich*a*elis aquilon*aris* Oxon.'

[545.] A Charter of Iohane the doughtir of Iohn Pylle I-made to þe mynchons of Godestowe for the same seldis aforsaide, & *cetera*. About 1264.

Grant to Godstow, by Joan Pill, of nos. 541, 542, as given her in nos. 543 and 544.

THE sentence of this charter is that Iohane, the doughtir of Iohn Pylle of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera*, to god and to the chirch of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther *ser*uyng god, tho ij. seldes the which she had of the yifte of Petir Pylle her bro*per*, in alle halewyn parissh in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, frely and quyetly for ever, doyng therof servicis dewe and I-wonyd, as the charters shewe the which she had of the ij. seldes of the yifte of Petir, her brother, the sone of Iohn Pylle. And that þis, & *cetera*.

[546.] A Charter of Rob*ert* Blaksmyth[1] quyte-claymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe a selde in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford. About 1270.

Sale to Godstow, by Robert blacksmith, of his interest in no. 542.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Rob*ert*, Blaksmyth, in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford, relesed, and vttirly quyte-claymed, to god and to the chirch of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons ther *ser*uyng god and to *serv*e for ever, all the right and clayme that he had or myght have in that selde the which he held somtyme of the abbesse and Covent of Godestowe in Alle halewyn parissh of Oxenford, the whiche is I-sette even ayenst the chirche of Alhalewyn of Oxenforde, [between the tenement of the Hospital of St. John] *with*oute the Est yate of the one *par*te, and the lond of Geffrey Hen[xs]e[y] of the other *par*te, *with* all his *per*tynentis ou*er* alle, and eysementis: To be had and to be hold, for hym and his heires or his assignes for eu*er*, that is to sey, that the forsaid Rob*ert* nother his heires or his assignes shold not have power to chalenge or axe afterward ony right or clayme in the forsaid selde, with all his *per*tynentis and eysementis, by the occasion of ony right. And for this relese, & *cetera*, the forsaid abbesse and mynchons yaf to hym x. *shillings* viij. d. before handes. Into witnesse, & *cetera*[2].

Purchase money, 10*s.* 8*d.*

[1] 'Roberti nigrifabri' in the Latin. 'Robertus niger faber' might be 'Robert Black, smith,' i.e. white-smith or cutler.

[2] 'Iohan*ne* de Coleshille tunc maiore Oxon.' He took office at Michaelmas, 1269.

About 1289.

[547.] A Charter quyte-claymyng to William fitz Petir of karsyntoñ of a selde in Alhalewyñ parissh of Oxenforde.

Sale to Godstow, by William son of Peter of Karsynton, * leaf 122. of his interest in no. 546.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Petir of karsyntoñ relesed, graunted, and vttirly quyte-claymed for ever, for hym and his heires or his assignes, to god & *cetera* and to * the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god and to serve for euer, all his right and clayme that he had or myght haue in that seld that is I-sette bitwene the tenement that was somtyme of Geffrey Henxsey, of the one parte, in Alhalewyñ parissh of Oxenford, and the tenement of the hospitall of seynt Iohn without the Est yate of Oxenford, of the other parte, with all his pertynentis, the whiche selde he had of the yifte of the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe aforesaid: To be had and to be hold, with all his pertynentis, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer: So that nother the forsaid William fitz Petir of karsyntoñ, nother his heires, nother his assignes, myght chalenge or axe afterward ony right or clayme in the forsaid selde. And for this relese and quyte-claymyng the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym xij. *shillings* before handes in warisoñ. Into witnesse, & *cetera*[1].

Purchase-money, 12*s*.

[Peter son of Torald's gift, as in no. 525.]

* leaf 154, back. About 1200.

[548.] * A Charter of Estrilde the doughtir of Gerebode Goldsmyth, I-made to Turolde Cordewaner her nevew, for half her lond.

Sale to Torald, cordwainer, by Estrild daughter of Gerebold, of half a piece of land,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Estrilde, the doughter of Gerebode Goldsmyth, graunted, lete, and delyuered, to Turolde, Cordewaner, her nevew, half toward the Est of all the lond that is bitwene the lond of laurence fitz wyarde and the lond of Geffrey Goldsmyth (the which is of the fee of the chirch of Oseneye), to hym and to his heires: To be had and to be hold, of her and her heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely iij. *shillings* at ij. termes of the yere for all seruyce. Of the which she willed and comaunded surely that the forsaid Turolde and his heires shold yelde yerely for

subject to 2*s*. 6*d*. quit-rent to the chief lord,

[1] 'Wille*lm*o appotecario tunc maiore Oxon.' He took office at Michaelmas, 1288.

her and her heires to the chief lord' xv. d'. in the morow of Estir, and iij. d'. to her and to her heires, at the same *terme*, [and xv. d. and iii. d.[1], in the same way, at Michaelmas]. And she and her heiris warantiȝed' half the forsaid' lond' to the forsaid' Turolde and to his heires ayenst all' men and women. And for this graunte, letyng', delyu*er*yng', and her warantiȝyng' of the afore-dyuyded' lond', Turolde yaf to her x. *shillings* in knowlech. And þ*at* the afore-dyuyded' lond' shold' be sure, [& *cetera*]. and 6*d*. quit-rent to the mesne lord. Purchase-money, 10*s*.

[549.] * A Charter of Richard' Fitȝ William and Estrilde his modir confermyng' the graunte and delyueraunce of half that lond' toward' the Est. * leaf 120, back. About 1200.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard' fitȝ William and Estrilde his modir confermed' and ratified' the grauntyng' and the delyueraunce of half of all' that grounde toward' the Est, the which is bitwene the lond' of laurence fitȝ william[2] and the lond' of Geffrey Goldsmyth the which is of the fee of the chirch of Oseney, the which half Estrilde his modir lete and delyu*er*ed' to Torald' Cordewayner: and therfor he graunted', and confermed' w*ith* this *pre*sent charter, the forsaid' half of all' the forsaid' that grounde to the forsaid' Torald' and to his heires: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng' therof yerely to the chief lordes xv. d'. in the morow of Estir day, and iij. d'. to hym and to his heires the same day, and at Mighelmasse xv. d'. to the chief lord', and iij. d' to hym and to his heires at the same *terme*, for all' seruyce. And he and his heires warantiȝed' the forsaid' tenement to the forsaid' Torald' and to his heires ayenst all' men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, of the forsaid' tenure the ofte saide Toralde yaf to hym xxiij. *shillings* iiij. d'. And for-asmoche as he wold' that all' the forsaid' lond' shold' be sure, & *cetera*. Sale to Torald, by Richard son of William, of his interest in no. 548, subject to the same quit-rents. Purchase-money, £1 3*s*. 4*d*.

[550.] * A Charter of Iohn Fitȝ Gerarde of Walyngforde I-made to Petir fitȝ Torald' in All' Halewyn parissh of Oxenford', quyte-claymyng' to hym for euer a tenement for iij. markȝ sterlynges. * leaf 119, back. About 1225.

The sentence of this charter is that Iohn fitȝ Gerald' of Walyngford' sold', lete, and quyte-claymed', for hym and his heires, Sale to Peter son of Torald,

[1] See in no. 549.

[2] 'Wyarde' in no. 548.

by John son of Gerald, for £2, of a rent-charge of 7*s.*, subject to quit-rents of 2*s.* 6*d.* and 6*d.*

to Petir Fitz Toralde and to his heires for ever, for iij. marke of sterlyngis the which he toke of hym, all [the right] that he had in that lond the which is bitwene the chief mese that was somtyme of Geffrey Goldsmythe and another mese that was of the same Geffrey next to the mese of Robert Wyarde in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford, of the whiche (that is to sey) londe the forsaid Geffrey and his heires were I-wonyd to yeld to hym vij. *shillings* by yere, And he was I-wonyd to yeld for the same lond to Raaf fitz Robert ij. *shillings* vj. d. by yere and to Robert Fitz Richard vj. d. by yere. And that þat tenement, *with* the pertynentis, and all the right that he had in the same tenement, sholde abide sauf frely and quyetly, as he had hit fully and held, to the forsaid Petir and to his heires, as[1] the heires of Geffrey Goldsmyth held[2] of the forsaid Petir and his heires as they held of hym, and of[3] þe same Petir and his heires held[2] hit of Raaf fitz Robert and of Robert fitz Richard of Walyngford evyir as he helde. This writyng he confermed hit with his seale, & *cetera*.

* leaf 120. About 1225.

[551.] *A Charter of Iohn fitz Gerard of Walyngford I-made to Petir Torald for a mese I-solde for iij. marke of sterlyngis.

Duplicate of no. 550.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn fitz Gerard of Walyngford sold, lette, and quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires, to Petir fitz Torald and to his heires for euer, for iij. marke of sterlyngis the which he toke of hym, all [the right] that he had in that lond the which is bitwene the chief mese that was somtyme of Geffrey Goldsmyth and another mese that was of the same Geffrey next to the mese of Robert Wyarde in All halewyn parissh in Oxenford, of the which (that is to sey) aforsaid lond Geffrey and his heires were I-wonyd to yeld to hym vij. *shillings* by yere, and he was y-wonyd to yeld for the same lond to Raaf fitz Robert ij. *shillings* vj. d. by yere and to Robert fitz Richard vj. d by yere. And that þat tenement, *with* the pertynentis, and all the right that he had in the same tenement, myght abide, save[4] frely and quyetly, to the forsaid Petir and to his heires as he had hit and held hit fully, as[1] the heires of Geffrey Goldsmyth held[2] of the forsaid Petir and

[1] Read 'and that' for 'as.'
[2] Read 'should hold it' for 'held.'
[3] Read 'that' for 'of.'
[4] Read 'safely.'

his heires [as they had] held' of hym, and bothe Petir and his heires held'[1] of Raaf fit3 Robert and of Robert fit3 Richard' of Walyngford' as he held'. This writyng he confermed' with his seale, & *cetera*.

[552.] *A Charter of Alice somtyme the wyf of Raaf fit3 Robert I-made to petir Torald' for iiij. *shillings* in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford'. * leaf 122. About 1230.

Sale to Peter son of Torald, by Alice widow of Ralph son of Robert,

The sentence of this charter is, that Alice, that was the wyf of Raaf fit3 Robert, graunted', lete, and with her charter confermed', to Petir fit3 Torald' and to his heires for euer, iiij. *shillings* by yere of ij. tenementis the which he held' of her for v. *shillings* by yere in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford', the which tenement Walter Goldsmyth held' of her by heritage, for the which tenement the forsaid' Petir and his heires shold' yelde to hym [2] and to his [2] heires xij. d'. yerely for all seruyce, demaunde, and exaccion. And Alice and her heires shold' warantize to the forsaid' Petir and to his heires the forsaid' iiij. *shillings* ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' Petir yaf to her iij. marks of siluer in warison. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

of 4*s*. quit-rent, reserving 1*s*. quit-rent.

Purchase-money, £2.

[553.] *A Charter of Robert fit3 Richard' Leaute of Walyngford' quyte-claymyng to Petir fit3 Torald' xij. d'. of yerely rente. * leaf 119, back. About 1230.

Sale to Peter son of Torald, by Robert son of Richard,

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert fit3 Richard' Leaute of Walyngford' sold' and quyte-claymed', for hym and his heires, to Petir fit3 Torald', and to his heires or to whom-soeuer he wold' assigne hit, xij. d'. of yerely rente the which he ought to hym of ij. tenementis, the which tenementis Walter Goldsmyth held' of hym and of his heires heritably in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford'. And for þis quyte-claymyng the forsaid' Petir yaf to hym viij. *shillings* of sterlyngis. And that thise aforsaid' thynges shold be sure, & *cetera* [3].

of the quit-rent of 1*s*. reserved in no. 552.

Purchase-money, 8*s*.

[1] Read 'should hold it' for 'held.'
[2] Read 'her.'
[3] The above rent-charges are slumped together in Peter son of Torald's All Saints gift in no. 525.

*leaf 120, back. About 1260.

[554.] *A Charter of Walter Goldsmyth fitz Geffrey Goldsmyth of Oxenford knowlechyng hym-self and his heires to be hold to the mynchons of Godestowe in xiiij. *shillings* of yerely rent of ij. houses in Alle halewyn parissh of Oxenforde.

Acknowledgement to Godstow, by Walter goldsmith,

of obligation to pay 14*s.* yearly rent-charge, as in no. 525.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter Goldsmyth fitz Geffrey Goldsmyth of Oxenford, knowleched hym-self and his heires, to be holde to the Abbesse of Godestowe in xiiij. *shillings* of sterlyngis of yerely rente for ever, of ij. houses beyng in Alhalewyn parissh in the Cite of Oxenford, the which lye bitwene the lond of Philippe Pady of the one parte and the lond of the said Walter of the other: To be take yerely at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vij. *shillings* and at oure lady day in marche vij. *shillings*; The which xiiij. *shillings* Petir Toralde yaf to the forsaid house of Godestowe into pure fre and perpetuel almesse. He graunted also that they shold haue fre entryng and goyng out to distreyne in the said houses yf the said rent were not fully I-paid in the termes I-ordeyned. Into witnesse of the which thynge he confermed this present writyng with the pryntyng of his seale, & *cetera*, for hym and his heires. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

*leaf 120. About 1260.

[555.] *A charter of Walter Goldsmyth fitz Geffrey Goldsmyth knowlechyng hym-self and his heires to be hold to the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe in xiiij. *shillings* of yerely rente of ij. houses in Alle halewyn parisshe of Oxenforde.

Duplicate of no. 554.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter Goldesmyth, the sone of Geffrey Goldsmyth of Oxenford, made a knowlechyng hym and his heires to be hold, to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, in xiiij. *shillings* of sterlynges of yerely rent for ever, of ij. houses in att halewyn parissh in the Cite of Oxenford, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Philippe Pady of the one parte and the lond of the said Walter of the other, to be take yerely at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vij. *shillings* and at seynt mary day in marche vij. *shillings*, the [which[1]] xiiij. *shillings* Petir Toralde [gave] to the *for-

*leaf 120, back.

[1] It is more probable that a dropped word ought to be supplied (cp. no. 554) than that the definite article should be used as relative pronoun, like *der* in German. See p. 377, l. 13.

said house of Godestowe into pure free and perpetuel almesse for ever. He graunted also that they shold have fre entryng and goyng out to distreyne in the said houses yf the said rente were not fully I-paid in the termes I-sette. Into witnes of the which thynge he confermed this present writyng with the pryntyng of his seale, for hym and his heires, & *cetera*[1].

[John Pady's gift.]

[556.] * A Charter of Iohn Pady for vj. *shillings* viij. d. of yerely rente in the towne of Oxenford of the corner house in the chirche-yerde of Alhalewyn chirche.

* leaf 122. About 1250.

Grant to Godstow, by John Pady, of *6s. 8d.* yearly rent-charge,

THE sentence of this charter is that Iohn Pady, burgeys of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god and to serue for ever, half j. marke of yerely rent of his house, the which is in the corner of Alhalewyn chirch-yerd with-in the borow of Oxenford, the whiche is I-sette bitwene the lond of Adam Cruste of the one parte, to be take at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xx. d, [at Christmas, xx. d., and at Our Lady day in March, xx. *d.*], and at Midsomer xx. d: And he willed that the forsaid half mark, shold be assigned to the clothyng of the mynchons of the forsaid monastery: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to þe said mynchons and to ther successours, frely and quyetly pesibly and holy fro all seculer exaccion and demaunde and sute of all maner courte, into pure and perpetuel almesse, as ony almesse myght beste frely and surely be yeve. And he willed also and graunted fulle * power to the said mynchons and to ther successours, or to ther certayn attourneys, to distreyne hym and his heires or his assignes in the forsaid tenement fro day into day, yf hit were not I-satisfied fully in ony terme to the said mynchons or to ther successours, or to ther certayn assignes, of the said rent. And Iohn Pady and his heires or his assignes shold warantize aquyte and defende for euer the forsaid rente to the said mynchons and to ther successours, or to ther assignes, ayenst all peple. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

for the clothing of the nuns.

* leaf 122, back. Power of distraint.

[1] Among the witnesses are: Adam Feteplace, *maior*, and Jeffrey goldsmith, and Richard, son of Nicholas, *praepositi*, of Oxford: who come about 1260.

[Quit-rent from Hugh Hore.]

About 1255.

[557.] A Charter of feffement to hugh hore of Iohn Curcy for a Selde in Alle halewyn parissh of Oxenforde.

Sale to Hugh Hore, by John Curcy, of a seld, stall, and cellar, in the mercery,

THE sentence of this charter is þat Iohn Curcy of Oxenford yaf & *cetera* to hugh hore of Oxenford, mercer, a selde, with the stalle afore and a Celer vndir, with his pertynentis, that is to sey, that selde with the stalle and Celer and his pertynentis the which lye bitwene the lond that was of Iohn Bernard of the Est parte and the selde that was of Iohn Tod of the other parte, in the mercery in Allehalewyn parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires, or to whom-so-ever he wold yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit in helth or in sikenesse, frely quyetly holy pesibly and worshipfully for euer, yeldyng yerely to the abbot of Oseneye viij. *shillings* of siluer at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse iiij. *shillings* and at * Ester iiij. *shillings*; And to Adam Feteplace ij. *shillings* at the same termes, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xij. d and at Ester xij. d; And to hym and to his heires j. d. at whitsontyde, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And Iohn Curcy and his heires warantized aquyted and defended, by the forsaid service, all the forsaid thynges, that is to sey, selde [and] Celer with stalle afore-writte, to the forsaid hugh and his heires, and to his assignes, ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid hugh yaf to hym before hondes xij. mark of sterlyngis in warison. And þat all þise þyngis, & *cetera*[1].

subject to quit-rents of 8*s.* to Osney, * leaf 123. 2*s.* to Adam Feteplace, and 1*d.* to grantor and his heirs.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £8.

1271, Oct. 16.

[558.] * A Charter of Richard fitz hugh, relesyng and quyte-claymyng to hugh hore, all the right and clayme that he had in a selde with the stalle and celer and the pertynentis in alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford.

Sale to Hugh Hore, by Richard

THE sentence of this relese and quyte-claymyng is, that Richard fitz hugh graunted, relesed, and quyte-claymed for ever,

[1] Witnesses include: Adam Feteplace, *maior*, and Adam son of Walter and Roger Bonvalet, *ballivi*, of Oxford.

for hym and his heires and his assignes, all his right and clayme that he had or myght have in a selde *with* a stalle and celer and pertynentis that he had in Oxenforde, the which selde *with* the pertynentis he axed of the forsaid hugh by a breef of entryng that is I-called 'breve introitus' afore *ser* Martyn litelbere, the kyngis Iustice at that tyme, and his felawes: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid hugh and his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer. And for this relese, & *cetera*, the forsaid hugh yaf to hym afore the forsaid *ser* martyn, the kyngis Iustice, xvj. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warison. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Westmynster, the friday next afore the fest of seynt luke the Euangelist, the fyve and fyfty yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn.

son of Hugh, of his interest in no. 557.

Purchase-money, 16*s*.

[Luke = Oct. 18.]

[559.] A Charter to Mariote, the doughtir of hugh hore of Oxenford, I-made by hugh hore to the same, for a stalle and a celer vndir, for her seruyce.

About 1270.

The sentence of this charter is, that hugh hore of Oxenford yaf & *cetera* to Marione his doughtir, for her seruyce, a benche *with* a Celer vndir, that is bitwene the house of laurence Bernarde of the west *par*te and Isowde Champeneis of the Est *par*te in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be holde, of hym and his heires, to the same Marione and to her heires or to whom-so-ever and when-so-ever [s]he wold yeve selle or bequeth or assigne hit, frely and quyetly wele and in pease for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires one rose at Midsomer, and doyng to the chief lord of that fee dewe service and I-wonyd, for all seruyce custome and seculer demaunde. And hugh and his heires warantized and defended the forsaid benche (or stalle), *with* the Celer and the pertynentis, to the forsaid marione, and to her heires, or to whom-so-ever and whan-so-ever she wold yeve selle bequethe or assigne hit, for euer ayenst all peple. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[1].

Draft conveyance to Mariote Hore, by her father Hugh,

of a part of no. 557,

quit-rent to the mesne lord, a rose.

[1] Witnesses include: Nicholas of Kingeston, *maior*, and Jeffrey goldsmith and Nicholas of Coleshull, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office Michaelmas, 1275.

* leaf 122, back. About 1278.

[560.] * A Charter of hugh hore of Oxenford for xviij. *shillings* of yerely rent in Alle halewyn parissh of Oxenford.

Grant to Godstow, [Nun's dower.] by Hugh Hore, of 18*s.* rent-charge over no. 557.

The sentence of this charter is that hugh hore, of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for ever, *with* Mariote his doughtir admytted to the said monastery to the ordir of mynchons, one selde, *with* a stalle afore and a Celere vndir, *with* his pertynentis, the whiche selde with the stalle and Celer were I-wonyd to yelde xviij. *shillings* of yerely rente, And lye bitwene the house of laurence Bernard of the west parte and the selde that was of Iohn Tod of the other parte, in [the] mercery[1] in Alhalewyn parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, *with* the pertynentis, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, into pure and perpetuel almes, savyng dewe seruyce and I-wonyd to the chief lordes of the fee. And the said hugh and his heires or his assignes warantized and defended, *with*ther owne costis, for euer, the said selde and Celer, *with* the pertynentis, and namly the said rente, to the seid mynchons and to ther successours, or to whom-so-ever they wold yeve bequethe or assigne hit, ayenst all cristen men and Iewes. And yf the said rent of the saide tenement myght not be levyed, he bounde hym-self, and his heires, and all his tenementis that he had, or myght have, in the towne of Oxenford or *with*out, to the constreynyng and distreynyng of the baillifes of Oxenford that shold be for the tyme to the said rent yerely to be levyed for ever. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

[Warranty against Jews.]

[St. Clement's parish: see in no. 510.]

* leaf 118, back. About 1200. * leaf 119.

*** Seynt Abbis parissh** [i.e. St. Ebbe's].

[561.] A Charter of Richard Bewbech or feyre-beche grauntyng to * Laurence Kepeharme, of all his lond that he had in seynt Abbis parissh.

Grant to Laurence Kepe-harme, by

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Bewfou[2] yaf and graunted to laurence kepeharme all his lond that he had in seynt Abbis parissh in Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, of

[1] In Latin is 'masceria,' i.e. butcher's-row. Both 'masceria' and 'merceria' were in All Saints parish: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 482, 490.

[2] For 'Beaufou,' 'Ricardus de bello fago.'

hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, yeldyng therof yerely j. li. of Comyn at Mighelmasse for all seruyce. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the afore-named Laurence yaf to hym iiij. *shillings* of sterlyngis. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Richard Beaubeche, of land (as in no 521). Quit-rent, 1 lb. of cummin.

* The parissh of Seynt Edward[1].

* leaf 129, back. 1307, Sept. 29.

[562.] An endenture bitwene Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and Thomas harpham, perpetuell vicary of the chirche of Seynt Edward in Oxenford, for an halle that is I-called shiphalle in the same parissh, with a place of londe, & *cetera*.

Lease by Godstow, to Thomas Harpham, vicar of St. Edward's, of 'Ship Hall' in St. Edward's parish and a building-site, [Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 280.] for life-term, at rents, 28*s.* and 4*s.* Obligations to repair the buildings of the 'hall,' and to build on the site.

The sentence of this endenture is, that Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, graunted and toke to Thomas Harpham, perpetuel vicary of seynt Edward-is chirch in Oxenford, ther halle that is I-called shiphalle in the same parissh[2], with a place bitwene that same halle and a tenement somtyme of Iohn Weston: To be had and to be holde, with all the Chambirs and Courtis, and with the forsaid place, to the terme of x. yere, and (yf he live lenger) to the terme of his lyf, yeldyng by yere to them and to ther successours xxviij. *shillings* for the halle with the pertynentis, and iiij. *shillings* with[3] the place, for all services, at iiij. vsuall termes of the yere: So nathelesse that the forsaid ser Thomas shold susteyne the forsaid halle and all maner chambris, with the kechyn and stable, with his owne costis, all the dayes of his lyf in all so good a state or better than he resceived hit. And he shold bilde[4] the forsaid place, the which conteynyth iiij. perchis and j. half in lengthe and xvj. foote in brede[5] new, with his owne costis; and he shold susteyne hit all his tyme. And * hit shold not be lawfull to the same sir Thomas to yeve, take, or assigne to ony man the forsaid houses, but for his tyme, and that without preiudice or harme of the forsaid Abbesse and

* leaf 130.

[1] St. Edward's was a small, evanescent parish, now represented by Christ Church Peckwater Quadrangle. The lands here came to Godstow through Stephen, son of Waryn miller: see nos. 529, 530.

[2] In no. 565 it is placed in St. Frideswyde's parish, in which St. Edward's was merged.

[3] Read 'for' for 'with.'

[4] The MS. reads here: 'the place aforsaid the which conteyneth in lengthe iiij. perchis and i. half in lengthe and xvj. foote in brede with his owne costis. And he shold bilde' redundantly.

[5] These measurements are the same in the Latin Register. In spite of the inconsistency of the measurements it is conceivable that this site is that described in no. 568, as in St. Frideswyde's parish.

Couente, nother [to] cast downe houses I-bilded or to longe-away [1] fro the seid place. And yf hit so happened (that god forbede) that the forsaid houses, by or thurgh defaute of mendyng, were ruynowse, or were I-brente thurgh ony mysse-case but that fire come of the next house, the forsaid Thomas shold bilde agayn the forsaid houses *with* his owne costis. And yf hit were I-cesed in the payment of the forsaid rente in the *ter*mes aboue-said, hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Covente, by ther atto*ur*ney, to entre the forsaid tenement and to take and hold all maner of goodes and catallis I-founde in the same, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to the said abbesse and Couente (of the [2]) bothe of ther arreragis of the rente and also for the defaute of the amendyng and repairyng of the forsaid houses, by the sight of good men, vndir the payn of x. mark, to be paid to the subsidie of the holy lond. And yf the forsaid *ser* Thomas come necligently or maliciously ayenst this *pr*esent couenaunte, hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and couente to entre the forsaid tenementis and to hold them as ther owne fre tenement, *with*-out ony agayn-saiyng or reclaymyng of the forsaid *ser* Thomas, not*with*stondyng ony *pr*iuylege of the vnyu*er*site of Oxenford I-yeve by taxyng or to be I-ordeyned or I-iuged in ony other maner wyse ayenst the forme of this *pr*esent writyng, tille hit be fully I-satisfied to the said abbesse and couente of the harme, by the sight of trew men. And aft*er* the decesse of the forsaid Thomas, the forsaid tenement I-bilded, *with*-out ony distruccion or wast, sholde turne agayn to the forsaid religious women, *with*out ony wrongyng of the heires or executours of the forsaid Thomas. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Thomas paid to them before handes xxviij. *shillings*. Into witnesse of the same thynge, eu*er*ych of the *par*ties put ther seales to this *pr*esent writynge endented. The date, at Godestowe, in seynt Migheli day, the yere of oure lord a thousand thre hundred and seven.

Provision in case of fire.

Power of distraint.

Penalty of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* to 'the subsidy of the Holy Land.'

Privilege of the University of Oxford not to be invoked by the lessee.

Purchase-money, £1 8*s.*

1373, April 11. **[563.] A charter bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and þe scolers of Caunterbury hall.**

Grant by Godstow, to

By this endenture bothe tho that ben now, and to be, may knowe þat Anneys Stretelegh, abbesse of Godestowe, and the

[1] i.e. separate (by grant).
[2] Omit. The scribe did not score out his false start before 'bothe.'

Couente of the same place, yaf & *cetera*, to the keper and scolers of Caunterbury halle[1], in the towne of Oxenford, all ther owne halle I-called Shiphalle, *with* his *per*tynentis, I-sette in seynt Edward-is strete of Oxenford, bitwene Vynhalle of the north *par*te and the forsaid halle of the forsaid keper and scolers of Caunt*er*bury of the southe *par*te. They yaf also and graunted to the same keper and scolers one voide place of ther owne lond there, conteynyng in length foure-score foote, and in brede iiij. foote[2], liyng bitwene Vynhalle of the one *par*te and the said Caunt*er*bury halle of that other *par*te, wherof one hede of the forsaid voide place of lond buttith vnto the walle of the forsaid abbesse and Couente the which is I-called Spaldyng entre: To * be holde and to be had, *with* all his *per*tynentis ou*er* all and his co*m*moditees also, *with* the forsaid vacant place of lond, to the forsaid keper and scolers and to ther successours the whiche shold be keper and scolers, of the forsaid Caunt*er*bury halle, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for eu*er*, of the chief lordes of that fee by seruyce dew therof and I-wonyd, yeldyng therof yerely to them, and to ther successours, or to ther assignes all, xx. *shillings* of lawfull money at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, begynnyng at the fest of seynt Mighell, that shold be next at the yere after the said t*er*me after the date of this p*re*sent writyng, x. *shillings*, and at the fest of our lady in marche x. *shillings*, for all seruyces customes exaccions and seculer demaundes longyng to them and to ther successours. And yf hit happed the forsaid rente of the forsaid xx. *shillings* to be behynde by xv. daies after ony t*er*me of the forsaid t*er*mes, in p*ar*te or in all, the keper and the scolers willed and graunted, for them and ther successours that were for the tyme, that fro that tyme hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couente, and to ther successours, to entre in the forsaid shiphalle and in the forsaid Caunt*er*bury hall, and in eu*er*ych *par*te, *with* the said p*ar*cell of lond and the p*ar*cell of the same halle and lond, for distreynyngis to be take, and to take all distreynyngis I-founde in them, to bere, to lede away, and to hold to them-self, *with*out agayn-saiynge of the forsaid keper and scolers or of ony other, tille that hit be fully I-satisfyed of the

Canterbury Hall, of 'Ship Hall' in St. Edward Street, ['Vine Hall': Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 171.] and a building site (as in no. 562).

* leaf 130, back.

Quit-rent, 20*s*. yearly.

Power to distrain for rent,

both in Ship Hall and in Canterbury Hall.

[1] Canterbury College: Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 275–89.
[2] The Latin says: '12 feet wide.'

forsaid' rente and arreragis and expenses, yf there were ony. And the forsaid' abbesse and couente and ther successours warantiȝed' for euer all the forsaid' halle I-called' Shiphalle, with the forsaid' vacante place of lond', with all ther pertynentis over all and ther commoditees, as hit is I-seid' afore, to the forsaid' keper and scolers of the forsaid' Canterbury halle, and to ther successours, keper and scolers, that shold' be there for a tyme, agayn all peple. Into witnesse of the which they put ther commune seales, euerych to others endenture, & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford', the monday next after the feste of seynt [Ambrose = April 4.] Ambrose the bisshop and confessour, The yere of our lord' a M¹ thre hundred' thre score xiij, and xlvij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward' the thirde.

1373, April 20. **[564.] A Charter of the Priour of Crist chirche of Canterbury to the same Religious women confermyng for ever-more the forsaid' halle and xx. *shillings* of yerely rente, & *cetera*.**

Grant to Godstow, by Christ Church, Canterbury, as patrons of Canterbury Hall,

The sentence of this charter is, that the priour of crist chirche of Canterbury and the Couente of the same place willed' to be know, by this present writyng, that for-asmoche that the keper and scolers of the Collage of ther halle of Canterbury, and ther successours, were hold' and I-bound to the religious women abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, and to ther successours, in a yerely rente of xx. *shillings* for certayn londes and tenementis, by licence of the kynge, of the forsaid' abbesse and Couente I-gete or purchased' to the same keper and scolers in Oxenford', to be paid' at certayn termes for euer, as hit is I-conteyned' fully in certayn endentures I-made bitwene them therof, by the which the forsaid' londis and tenementis were * I-delyuered' to the forsaid' keper and scolers, They willed' and graunted', for them and ther successours for euer, by thise present lettres, that yf the said' rente of xx. *shillings* were behynde, not I-paid', in parte or in all, at ony terme by a monthe, fro that tyme hit shold' be lawfull to the said' abbesse and Covente of Godestowe, and to ther successours, and to ther procuratour that shold' be for the tyme, to entre in the seid' College, with his pertynentis, and in all parcels of the same, to take distresses, and distresses so I-take to dreve and bere

* leaf 131.

of power to distrain for the rent in no. 563,

away, and to holde them to them-self, tille they were fully I-satisfyed of the said rente, arreragis, harmys and expenses: and yf hit happened that the forsaid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, or ther successours, myght not take sufficient distresse for the forsaid rente in the forsaid College *with* the *per*tynentis, fro that tyme forth hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couente, and to ther successours, or to ther attourney, to entre to take distresses in ther maner of Newenton, *with* the *per*tynentis, in Oxenford-shire, to whos-so-ever hondes hit come, *with*out ony calumpnye or lette, And the distresses so I-take to dryve and bere away and to *with*-holde to them-self, tille hit were fully I-satisfyed of all the forsaid rente, arreragis, harmes, and expenses, to the same religious women. The date in ther Chapit*er* of Caunt*er*bury, vndir ther co*m*mune seale, the xx. day of the monthe of Averel, the xlvij^ti^ yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde aft*er* the conquest.

not only over Canterbury Hall itself,

but in the manor of Newington, near Wallingford.

*** The parisshe of seynt Frideswythe the virgyne.** * leaf 129.

[565.] *A quyte-clayme of henry Inge of Oxenford for shiphalle in Seynt Frideswithe parisshe [1]. * leaf 132. About 1270.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that henry Inge relesed, and quyte-claymed, to Isowde, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couente of the same place, all the right and clayme that he had, or myght haue in ony wise, in that mese, *with* all his *per*tynentis, in seynt Frideswith parissh, that is bytwene the lond of the priour of Frideswith of Oxenford and the lond of Iohn kepeharme, that he had of Emme Bluet, abbesse somtyme of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, to the *terme* of his lyf and of Margery his wyf: so, that is to sey, that henry Inge, or ony in his name, shold not haue power fro that tyme forth to chalenge ony right or clayme in the forsaid mese, *with* the *per*tynentis. And for this relesynge and quyte-claymyng, the forsaid abbesse of Godestowe yaf to hym xlvj. *shillings* viij. d. of siluer. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera* [2].

Sale to Godstow, by Henry Inge,

of his interest in Ship Hall.

Purchase-money, £2 6*s*. 8*d*.

[1] In no. 562 Ship Hall is put in St. Edward's parish, which was joined to St. Frideswyde's about this time.

[2] John of Coleshulle, maior, is witness. He took office at Michaelmas, 1269.

About 1275.

[566.] A charter of Iohn Pady and Agas his wyf, I-made to maister Philippe Spryngam, for a mese in Oxenford in seynt Frideswith parisshe, & *cetera*.

Sale to Philip Springham, by John Pady, of a messuage in Shidyerd Street.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Pady and Agas his wyf yaf, & *cetera*, to Philippe Spryngam a mese, with his pertynentis, that is I-sette bitwene the lond that was of Roger Sauser of the one partie and the lond of Moolde hordele of the other parte, in Shideyerde strete in seynt Frideswithe parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be holde, to the forsaid Philip and to his heires or to his assignes, of them and ther heires or ther * assignes, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for euer, yeldyng therof yerely, to them and to ther heires, one clowe-gelofre at Ester; and to the chief lordes of the fee seruyce dew and I-wonyd, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Iohn and Agas his wyf and ther heires and ther assignes warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid mese, with his pertynentis, to the forsaide Philippe and to his heires or to his assignes, by the forsaid seruyce, ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewes for ever. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Philippe yaf to hym xx. marke of sterlyngis afore-handes. And that all thise afore writyngis shold be sure for euer, & *cetera* [1].

* leaf 132, back.

Quit-rent to the mesne lord, a clove-gilly flower.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £13 6*s*. 8*d*.

About 1279.

[567.] A relese and quyte-clayme of Agas, somtyme the wyf of Iohn Pady of Oxenford, I-made to maister Philippe Spryngam, for a mese in Shydeyerde strete in seynt Frideswyth parissh of Oxenford.

Sale to Philip Springham, by Agas, widow of John Pady, of her interest in no. 566.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Agas, somtyme the wyf of Iohn Pady, in her lawfull wedowhode, relesed and quyte-claymed, for her and her heires or her assignes, to Maister Philippe Spryngam [2], all the right and clayme that she had or myght have in all that mese that she [3] had of the yifte or sellyng of the forsaid Iohn Pady somtyme her husbond, in Shideyerde in the parissh of seynt Frideswith of Oxenford, the which mese was her free mariage: To be had and to be

[Free marriage.]

[1] Among the witnesses are: Nicholas of Kyngeston, *maior*, and Jeffry of Hengseye, and John of Eu, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1274.

[2] Philip le Waleys or Springaun: in the Latin.

[3] Read 'he.'

hold', to the same Philippe and to his heires, after the fourme of the yifte that she had' therof of her husbond' afore-said', so that nother she nother her heires or her assignes fro that tyme forth shold' not have power to chalenge ony right in the said' mese. And for this relese, & *cetera*, the forsaid' philippe yaf to her C. *shillings* of sterlyngis. And that this her relese, & *cetera* [1]. Purchase-money, £5.

[568.] * A Charter of Alisaundre Eynysham, relesyng and quyteclaymyng, to the Abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place, all the right and clayme that he had' or myght haue in one acre [2] of londe in seynt Fridiswyth parisshe. * leaf 129. 129$\frac{8}{9}$, March 11.

THE sentence of this relese and quyte-clayme is, that Alisaundre Eynysham graunted', lete, relesed', and quyteclaymed', for hym and his * heires, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place, all the right and clayme that he had', or in ony wise myght haue, in one acre [2] of londe, conteynyng in lengthe xv. fote and in brede xxvj. fote [3], the which lieth bitwene the lond' of the seid' abbesse on that one parte and the lond' somtyme of Philippe Feteplace of the other parte, and one hede strecchith hit-self vpon the lond' of Thomas Sowy and another vpon the lond' of the seid' abbesse: To be had' and to be hold', to the said' abbesse and Couente and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer; So that nother the seid' Alisaundre, nother his heires, nother none in his name, nother in the name of his heires, nother by hym, nother for hym, nother for his heires, sholde haue power or myght afterward' to axe, clayme, or chalenge ony right or clayme in the forsaid' ground' of lond', or in his pertynentis; but he and they made them to be excluded' fro all accions, peticions, and right, for euer. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' abbesse and couente perdoned' hym all the arreragis of a yerely rente of v. *shillings*, the whiche he and his heires or his assignes owed' to paye to the forsaid' abbesse and Couente for his tenement that he held', vnto the day of the makyng of this present writyng. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford', the Quit-claim to Godstow, * leaf 129, back. by Alexander of Einsham, of a plot of land.

[1] Witnesses include: Henry Owayn, *maior*, and Philip of Ew and Elias le quilter, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1278.

[2] The Latin has the misreading *acra* in the rubric, but 'area' in the text.

[3] These dimensions are the same in the Latin copy: see no. 562

[Gregory, pope = March 12.] wedensday next afore seynt Gregory pope, the xxvij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry.

* leaf 153, back. 130$\frac{8}{9}$, Jan. 7. **[569.] * A Charter of Anneys, that was the wyf of Alisaundir Eynysham, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, quyte-claymyng alle her right that she hadde in a place in Shideyerd in Oxenford.**

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Agnes, widow of Alexander of Einsham, THE sentence of this charter is, that Anneys, that was the wyf of Alisaundir Eynysham, in her lawfull power and pure widowhode, relesed and vttirly quyte-claymed, for her and her heires for euer, without ony agayn-holdyng, to the abbesse and couent of Godestow and to ther successours, all her right and clayme that she had or myght haue in that place, with all his pertynentis ouer all, vpon the which place one kechon was I-bilded, And the which place Alisaundir of Eynysham and Anneys his wyf yaf, afore the statute of the kyng, to the abbesse and couent of Godestowe and to ther successours for euer, and enfeffed by there owne charter, the which lieth in shideyerd in Oxenford, by-twene þe tenement of Thomas Sowy of the north partie and the tenement of the forsaid abbesse and Couent of Godestowe of the sowth parte, so þat nother she ne none other in her name, by her, or for her, sholde never afterward aske or chalenge ony right or clayme in the forsaid * place, with all his pertynentis ouer all. And the forsaid Anneys and her heires warantized and defended for euer all the forsaid place, with all his pertynentis ouer all, to the forsaid abbesse and couente of Godestowe and to ther successours, ayenst all peple. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*. The date at Oxonford, the Tewesday next after the Twelf day, the second yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

of all title in no. 567.

* leaf 154.

[Twelfth-day = Jan. 6.]

* leaf 95. *** Here begynnyth Seynt Gyles paryssh of Oxenford.**

[1. Deeds relating to the Church.]

About 1150? **[570.] Another Charter for the tythis of the ploughmen of the same Walter Archidekon in Walton.**

Record of grant to THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter, Archidekon of Oxenford, made to be know to all cristen men that his

plough-men in Waltoñ, in the dedicacioñ of the chirche of seynt Gyle the which is *with*out the north yate of Oxenford, yaf there tythis to the same chirche, *with* his assent and wille, the which he graunted' willed' and comaunded' of goddis behalf, witnesse William[1] abbot of Eynysham, & *cetera*.

St. Giles's Church, at its foundation (1130?), by Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, of tithe.

[571.] * Confirmacion of kynge henry þe fyrst of the churche of seynt Gyle.

* leaf I or 13, back. About 1130.

Order by Henry I, confirming the independence of St. Giles's Church.

The sentence of thys dede tellyth that Henry the fyrst, kynge, & *cetera*, Comandit the busshop of lincolne & hys archydiacon that edwynus the sone of Godgose shold haue in pece & rest hys chyrche of seynt Gylys, and put hys clerke whom he wold by hys *pre*sentment, and lett no man to here the seruice of god ne do her almus in the seyd chyrche.

[2. Remainder of Luke of Wytham's lease.]

[572.] * A Covenaunte bitwene William fitz Dee[n] of Oxenford and luke of Wytham for xv. acris of londe in Eylmereswelle & *cetera*.

* leaf 109. 1205.

This was the covenaunte I-made bitwene William fitz Deen[2] of Oxenford of the one *par*te, and Luke of Wytham of the other *par*te, that the forsaid' William toke and graunted' to Luke to ferme xv. acris of londe, tho (that is to sey) the which lien in the tylthe of Eylmereswelle, bitwene the mede of the forsaid' William and the grete wey of Wodestok, to Oxenford, next to the lond' of the abbesse of Godestowe the which is I-called' hodelowe: To be hold' xxx. yere to the forsaid' luke and to his heires or to whom he wold' assigne hit, of the forsaid' William and his heires, frely quyetly and pesibly, yeldyng therof yerely for all seruyce and seculer exaccion ij. *shillings* at Mighelmasse. And the fore-named' Will*iam* and his heires shold' warantize them to the forsaid' Luke or to his heiris or to whom he wold' assigne them ayenst all men. And for this takyng and graunte, the xxxv. yere fro the deth of seynt Thomas[3] of Caunter*bury*

Sale of 30 years' lease, to Luke of Wytham, by William filius Decani, of land in Elmer's-well.

Quit-rent, 2*s*.

[1] William, abbot of Einsham, occurs 1148–52.

[2] In the Latin: 'Willelmus filius decani.'

[3] Thomas Becket, murdered Dec. 29, 1170.

Purchase-money, £4 13*s.* 4*d.* and 2 loads of barley.

I-begunne, the mynded luke yaf to the mynded William at the entryng vij. mark, and ij. summys of barly. And that this covenaunte shold be sure & *cetera* eche of them sette ther seales to others writyng & *cetera*[1].

* leaf 97. About 1220.

[573.] *A Charter of William Nygelle of all the lond that they had and helde of Luke of Oseneye, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, by William filius Nigelli, of the remainder of no. 572.

The sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Nygelle somtyme dean of Oxenford[2] graunted, and with his charter confermed, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons ther seruyng god, all that lond that they had and held of luke of Oseneye of his fee by his consent and wille and by covenaunt and charter I-made bitwene hym and the forsaid luke. The which charter the same mynchons had of the same luke, doyng therof seruyce as hit is I-conteyned in the Charter. And for al so moche that he willed that he nother his heires ne none other man in the world shold do ayenst this covenaunt, he confermed thise letters with the prynte of his seal; And the terme I-passed, as hit is I-conteyned in the forsaid charter, the forsaid abbesse and covent shold yelde that lond to hym or to his heires without ony contradiccion & *cetera*[3].

[3. Lands acquired from Robert Palmer.]

* leaf 107. About 1230.

[574.] *A Charter of Walter Fitz Stephyn I-made to Robert Palmer of half an acre of his lond.

Sale to Robert Palmer, by Walter son of Stephen, of half a messuage.

The sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Stephyn, with the assent and wille of Goode his wyf and Richard his heire, graunted, lete, and delyuered, and with this his present writyng confermed, to Robert Palmer the half of all his lond, with the pertynentis, without the north yate of Oxenford in the parissh of seynt Gyle, the which is bitwen the lond of Raaf Wittenham and the lond of Richard Bolter (that, that is to sey, half, the which is in the sowthe parte), to hym and to his heires or

[1] Among the witnesses: Robert Morgan, Jeffrey Sturdi, Herebert of Piry.

[2] In the Latin: 'Willelmus filius Nigelli quondam decani Oxon.'

[3] Witnesses: William, chaplain of Godstow; Ralph Harang; Henry, steward of Godstow, &c.

to whom he wold' assigne hit: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly worshipfully and holy, yeldyng' therof yerely to hym and to his heires * iiij. d'. at Mighelmasse for all' seruyce and exaccion̄ *per*teynyng' to hym or to his heires. And he and his heires warantiȝed' the forsaid' lond' to the forsaid' Rob*er*t, and to his heires, or to whom he wold' assigne hit, ayenst alle men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' Rob*er*t yaf to hym v. *shillings*, and to Rob*er*t his heire viij. *shillings* of warison̄. And that all' thise afore, & *cetera* [1].

* leaf 107, back. Quit-rent, 4*d*.

Purchase-money, 5*s*. + 8*s*.

[575.] * A Charter of Walter fitȝ Stephyn̄ I-made to Robert Paumere for his arable lond' conteynyng' viij. Buttis.

* leaf 98. About 1230.

The sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitȝ Stephyn̄ graunted', lete, and delyuered', and *with* this present charter confermed', to Robert Paumer that his arable lond' conteynyng' viij. buttis *with*out the north yate of Oxenford', the which lieth bitwene the kyngis halle [2] and the lond' of Raaf Pynchehast [3], to hym (that is to sey) and to his heires: To be hold' and to be had', of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly, pesibly and holy, yeldyng' therof yerely to hym and to his heires xiiij. d'. the day (that is to sey) of seynt Michell' for all' seruice and exaccions, quarels, or ony thynge that happe. And the said' Walter and his heires warantiȝed' the forsaid' lond' to the forenamed' Rob*er*t and to his heires ayenst all' men and women. And for this graunte & *cetera* the forsaid' Rob*er*t yaf to hym j. mark of siluer in warison̄. And that this his graunte, & *cetera*, he strengthed' *with* his seale, & *cetera*.

Sale to Robert Palmer, by Walter son of Stephen, of 8 'butts.'

Quit-rent, 1*s*. 2*d*.

Purchase-money, 13*s*. 4*d*.

[576.] A Charter of Richard' Mydnyght confermyng' the same.

About 1230.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard' Mydnyght graunted' and ratified' that graunte, lettyng, and delyuerynge, that Walter Midnyght his fadir made to * Robert Paumer of viij.

Confirmation to * leaf 98, back.

[1] Witnesses: Simon Balehorn, Jeffrey Sturdi, Andrew of Wolvercote, John Crompe.

[2] 'Aula domini regis,' i. e. Beaumont Palace: Wood's *City of Oxford*, iii, 269.

[3] 'Pynchehaft,' in the Latin.

Robert Palmer, by Richard Midnight, son of the grantor, of nos. 575 and 574, and grant of the second half of the messuage.

buttis of arable lond in the feld *with*out the north gate of Oxenford, the which lieth in the northe p*ar*te of the kyngis wey[1] bitwene the lond of Geffrey Sturdy and the lond of Raaf Pynchehast; and of half a mese that is bitwene the lond of Raaf Wittenh*a*m and the lond of Richard Bolt*er*. Furthermore also Richard aforsaid graunted, lete, and delyu*ered*, and *with* this p*re*sent charter confermed, *with* the consent and wille of moolde his wyf, to the same Rob*er*t Paumer another half of the same mese, to hym (that is to sey) and to his heires or whom he wold assigne hit: To be hold and to be had, of hy*m* and of his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly fully and holy, with all his

Quit-rents, 2*s.* to the chief lord, 1*d.* to the mesne lord.

p*er*tynentis, yeldyng yerely for all the hole mese *with* the p*er*tynentis and for the buttis afore-named ij. *shillings* to the chief lord of the said tenement at Mighelmasse, and to hym and to his heires j. d. for all seruyce and for all exaccion longyng to hym and to his heires. And he and his heires warantiȝed the forsaid mese, *with* the p*er*tynentis, and the buttis afore-named, to the forsaid Rob*er*t and to his heires or his assignes ayenst all men and women. And for this ratifiyng & *cetera* the forsaid Rob*er*t yaf to hym ij. marks and j. half in warison. And that all thise thyngis afore-diuided shold be sure, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £2 13*s.* 4*d.*

About 1230.

[577.] A Charter of Roger Waterman fitȝ Henry to Robert Paumer for j. mese with the partynentis.

Sale to Robert Palmer, by Roger waterman, of a messuage.

The sentence of this charter is, that Roger Waterman fitȝ henry graunted, lete, and delyu*ered*, and *with* this p*re*sent charter confermed, to Rob*er*t Paumer of Oxenford all his mese, *with* the p*er*tynentis, that William Malier somtyme held in Bewmounte in the parissh of seynt Gyle, that (that is to sey) that is bitwene the lond that was of Thomas fitȝ Walter and the lond that was of Robert Aylemere: To be hold and to be had, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and of his heires for eu*er*, frely and quyetly, fully and holy, pesibly and worshipfully,

Quit-rents, 13*d.* to the lord,

yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires xiij. d. ob.[2] at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey at our*e* lady day in marche vj. d. ob. and at Mighelmasse vj. d. ob.; and to the chirche of

[1] In error for 'hall.' 'Iuxta aulam regis,' in the Latin.
[2] The 'obolus' is added in error. In the Latin it is 'xiii*d.*'

seynt Gyle v. d. at the forsaid termes, that is to sey, at oure lady day in marche ij. d ob. and at Mighelmasse ij. d. ob., for all seruice, exaccion, and demaunde. And the said Roger and his heires warantized to the said Robert and to his heires, and to his assignes, all the forsaid mese, *with* the pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And for this *graunt & cetera* the forsaid Robert yaf to hym ij. mark, of siluer and j. half in warison. And that all thise afore-write thyngis shold be sure, & *cetera*.

and 5*d.* to St. Giles's Church.

Purchase-money, £1 13*s.* 4*d.*

[578.] A Charter of Robert Palmer confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all the tenement *with* the pertynentis that walter mydnyght held in the parissh of seynt Gyle.

About 1235.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Palmer of the parissh of Seynt Gyle of Oxenford, *with* the consent and assent of Roise his wyf, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, for the helthe of his soule and Roise his wyf and of the sowlys of his auncetours and successours, into pure and perpetuel almesse, all the tenement, *with* the pertynentis, that Walter mydnyght held in the parissh of seynt * Gyle, that is to sey, that tenement that lieth bitwene the tenement that Richard Norwich held and the tenement that Raaf Wittenham held; *with* viij. Buttis of arable lond in the feld *without* the north yate of Oxenford, the whiche ben in the northe parte of the kyngis halle bitwene the lond of Geffrey Sturdy and the lond of Raaf Pynchehaste; and the lond that he bought of Iohn Bolter, *with* the pertynentis, the which conteyneth in lengthe xl. elnys and iiij. in brede, and lieth next to the said tenement of the Southe parte; And the tenement, *with* the pertynentis that he had in bewmounte, that is to sey, that tenement that was of Roger Watirman, and lieth bytwene the tenement of Thomas vndir the walle of the one parte and the tenement of Moolde Wever of the other parte: To be had and to be hold, frely and quyetly, fully and holy, into pure and perpetuel almesse for euer, savyng the seruyces of the chief lordis of the feis aforsaid, that is to sey, to the lord of the hundred *without* the north yate at Mighelmas ij. *shillings*; and to the heire of the fee for the warantizyng j. d. at the said terme; And

Grant to Godstow, by Robert Palmer,

* leaf 99. of a messuage (as in nos. 574, 575), 8 butts (no. 575),

a strip of land,

and a tenement (no. 577).

Quit-rents, 2*s.* to North Gate hundred; and to the

mesne lords 1*d.*, 1*d.*, 18*d.*

to the heires of Iohn Bolter j. d̄. for the biyng̃ of the new lond̄ at the said̄ *ter*me; And to the heires of Roger Wa*ter*man xviij. d̄., that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ix. d̄. and at our lady day in marche ix. d̄. And the said̄ Rob*er*t and his heires warantiȝed̄ and defended̄ for eu*er* the for-said̄ tenementis *with* the *per*tynentis, by the forsaid̄ seruyce, to the forsaid̄ house of Godestowe and to the mynchons there *seruyng̃* god ayenst all̄ men and women. And that all̄ thise thyngis shold̄ be sure, & *cetera*[1].

1235, June 24.

[578.] A Charter of henry fitz lewy of Oxenford̄ relesyng̃ to the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe all̄ the right and clayme that he had̄ in ij. tenementis that Robert Palmere yaf to the forsaide mynchons.

* leaf 99, back. Sale to Godstow, by Henry son of Lewis, of all title in the grants in no. 578.

The sentence of this relesyng̃ is that henry fitz Lewy of Oxenford̄ * relesed̄ and quyteclaymed̄, for hym and his heires for eu*er*, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent of the same place, all̄ his right and clayme that he had̄ or myght haue in the tenementis *with* the *per*tynentis that Rob*er*t Palmer yaf to the house of Godestowe into pure and *per*petuel almesse for eu*er* to be had̄: that is to sey, that tenement that walter mydnyght somtyme held̄ in the parissh of seynt Gyle; and viij. buttis of arable lond̄ in the feld̄ *with*out the north̄ gate of Oxenford̄, the which ben̄ in the north̄ *par*te of the kyngis halle, bitwene the lond̄ of Raaf Sturdy and the lond̄ of Raaf Pynchehaste; and the tenement that Iohn Bolter somtyme held̄, *with* the *per*tynentis, that conteyneth̄ in length̄ xl. elnys and iiij. in brede; and that tenement, *with* the *per*tynentis, in Bewmounte that Roger Waterman somtyme held̄, that lieth̄ bitwene the lond̄ of Thomas vndir wal of the one *par*te and the tenement of moolde weuer of the other *par*te: to be had̄ and to be hold̄, to the forsaid̄ abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent of the same place, frely and quyetly, pesibly fully and holy for eu*er*, so (that is to sey) that henry nother his heires shold̄ neu*er* haue power to axe right or clayme in the forsaid̄ londis and tenementis. And for this relesyng̃ and quyte-clayme the forsaid̄

[1] Witnesses: Silvester, master and chaplain of Godstow; Reginald, steward of Godstow; Peter Torald, maior of Oxford; Simon Balehorn; Herebert, vicar of St. Giles.

abbesse and couent of the same place yaf to hym v. mark, of siluer into warisoñ. This quyte-clayme was I-made at Oxenford, at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist, The yere of the Incarnacioñ of our lord M¹ CC xxxv., afore William Euerwyke, and William of the Ile, and the abbot of Abendoñ, and Robert of Aumary, Iusticis of the kyngis there Iurneyng. And that this aforsaid, & cetera.

Purchase-money, £3 6*s.* 8*d.*

[580.] * A Charter of Richard Midnyght confermyng the same graunte.

* leaf 99. 1238.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Richard Midnyght graunted and ratified that graunte, letyng, and delyuerying, that Robert Palmere made to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god. Furthermore, he quyteclaymed for hym and for his heires for ever, with all the right and clayme longyng to hym, or to his heires, bothe of the mese þat is bitwene the lond of Raaf wittenham and the lond of Richard Bolter, and also of the buttis of arable lond in the feld without the north yate of Oxenford in the north parte of the kyngis halle bitwene the lond of Geffrey Sturdy and the lond of Raaf pinchehaste: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, frely quyetly and holy, with all his pertynentis, yeldyng yerely for all the hole mese with the pertynentis and for the buttis afore-named ij. *shillings* to the chief lorde, and to hym and his heires j. d. for all seruyce. And Richard and his heires warantized the forsaid mese, with the pertynentis, and buttis afore-named, as Robert Palmer graunted, lete, and delyuered to them, ayenst all men and women. And that all thise afore-diuided thyngis, & *cetera*[1].

Confirmation to Godstow, by Richard Midnight, as feudal superior, of part of no. 578.

Quit-rents, to the chief lord, 2*s.*, to the mesne lord, 1*d.*

[4. Land of Peter of Dineham.]

[581.] * A Charter of Richard lambeheued I-made to Petir Dineham of all his lond with the pertynentis in Bewmounte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 97, back. About 1230.

THE sentence of this evidence is, that Richard lambeheued, with the consent and assent of Anneys his wyf, yaf, graunted, lette,

Grant to Peter of Dineham,

[1] Witnesses: Jeffrey Stockwell, maior of Oxford; Simon Balehorn; Peter Torald; Philip miller.

by Richard Lambheued, of land.

and delyuered, and with this present charter confermed, to Petir of Dineham all his lond with his pertynentis in bewmounte, that is to sey, that lond that lieth bitwene the lond that was of Raaf Tanners of the one parte and the lond that was of Iulian the wyf that was of Iohn Futrare of the oper parte: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires or to whom-so-euer he wold assigne hit, frely and quyetly, pesibly and worshipfully, yeldyng therof to hym and to his

* leaf 98. Quit-rent to the mesne lord 1*d.*, to the chief lord, 4*s.*

* heires yerely j. d. at Estir for all seruyce perteynyng to hym and to his heires, and to the lord of the fee iiij. *shillings*, that is to sey, at iiij. termes of the yere, at Mighelmasse xij. d, at Cristmasse xij. d, at Estir xij. d, at Midsomer xij. d. And the forsaid Richard and Anneys his wyf and his heires warantized the aforenamed lond, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid Petir of dineham, and to his heires or his assignes, ayenst all men and women. And that þis his yifte shold be sure and stable, without ony gile and deceyte, by ther trouþe for euer, they put there seales to this charter & *cetera*[1].

* leaf 100, back. About 1242.

[582.] * A Charter of Maister Petir Denham I-made to the Abbesse of Godestowe of all his londe in Bewmounte, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Petor Denham, of no. 581, at the old quit-rents.

The sentence of this charter is, that maister Petir Denham yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, into fre pure and perpetuell almesse, all his lond, with his pertynentis, in bewmounte, the which he bought of Richard lambehede, that is to sey, þat lond the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Raaf Tanner of the one parte and the lond of Iulian that was the wyf of Iohn Futrar of the other parte: To be hold and to be had, frely and quyetly, into fre and perpetuel almesse, Savyng the service of the chief lordis, that is to sey, to Richard lambeheued and to his heires j. d. euery yere at Ester, for all seruyce; and to the chief lordis of the fee iiij. *shillings*, that is to sey, at iiij. termes of the yere, at Mighelmasse xij. d, at Cristmasse xij. d, at Estir xij. d, at Midsomer xij. d. for all seruyce custome and demaund. And [that] this his yifte shold abide sure and

[1] Among the witnesses are: Simon Balehorn, William saucer, Osmund miller.

stedfast for euer *with*out all gyle and deceite, he put to this charter his seale, & *cetera* [1].

[5. Miscellaneous purchases, and exchanges, chiefly about 1270.]

[583.] * A quyte-clayme of Robert But of all his lond' in Bewmounte.

* leaf 95, back. About 1250. Sale to Godstow, by Robert But, of his interest in Godstow land outside Smith Gate, in consideration of 6 quarters of wheat yearly, for his life-term.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Robert But yaf, graunted', and quyte-claymed', to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the covent of the same place, all his lond', *with* all ther *per*tynentis, in Bewmounte in the subarbis of Oxenford' *with*out the gate of Smythyate in the parissh of seynt Gyle, for vj. quarters of whete that they shold' yeve to hym by yere al so longe as he lived': that is to sey, all that lond' that he had' of the yifte of the forsaid' abbesse and couent, the which lieth bitwene the lond' that was somtyme william lysewys and the lond' that was of Moold' Sextricis: to be hold' and to be had', quyetly and in pease, *with* all ther *per*tynentis for euer, So that nother he, nor his heires, ne none by them, no thyng of right ne clayme shold' axe in the forsaid' lond' *with* the *per*tynentis. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera* [2].

[584.] * A Charter of William Gerard' of halewelle for xij. d'. of yerely rent.

* leaf 96. About 1260.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by William Gerard, of a rent-charge.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Gerard' of halywelle yaf & *cetera* and quyteclaymed', for hym and his heires, to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, for the helthe of his soule and of his auncet*ours*, into pure and *per*petuel almesse, xij. d' of rent of siluer yerely to be resceived' at ij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Michell vj. d'. and at the fest of our lady day in marche vj. d'., of all that lond' with the *per*tynentis that was somtyme of Edrede Wa*ter*man, the

[1] Among the witnesses are: Peter Turaud (i.e. Torald), maior of Oxford; Henry [son of] Simeon; John, writer, of Holywell; Lambert, cordwainer. (There is also an earlier Lambert, cordwainer, of date about 1200.)

[2] Among the witnesses are: Peter, son of Torald (died 1257); Henry, son of Milo; John, 'scriptor' of Holywell.

which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Roger fitz Milo of the one *parte* and the lond of henry Bolter of the other *partie* in the parissh of seynt Gyle *with*out the yate of Smythgate in the strete of Bewmounte, *with* all the right that he had or myght have in all the said lond: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to the said abbesse and couent, frely and quyetly, holy, wele, and in pease, for eu*er*. And the forsaid william and his heires warantized and defended the forsaid xij. d of rent, *with* all other rightis that he had or myght have in the forsaid lond, to the said abbesse and couent, ayenst all men and women. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera* [1].

[Smith Gate.]

* leaf 95. About 1270.

[585.] *A quyte-clayme of Iohn Sewy of Oxenford of all the right that he had & *cetera* in all that lond that William Toky yaf somtyme to Iohn his fadir*e* in the parissh of seynt Gyle.

Sale to Godstow, by John Sewy,

of land (formerly William Toky's).

Purchase-money, £2.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iohn Sewy of Oxenford graunted, remytted, delyuered, and quyte claymed, for hym and for his heires for eu*er*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons ther servyng god and for eu*er* to serue, all his right and clayme that he had or myght have in all that lond, *with* all his *per*tynentis, the whiche william toky somtyme yaf and graunted to Iohn his fadir in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to them and to there successours for eu*er*, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease fro all seruyce to hym and to his heires longyng. And for this graunte the said abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe yaf to hym xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis into warysoun. And that his graunte, & *cetera*, he put to hit his seale, & *cetera*.

* leaf 95, back. About 1270.

[586.] *A Charter of fryer*e* Walter, maister of the hospitall of seynt Bartholomewe, of x. d of yerely rent of the lond in Beaumounte.

Sale to Godstow, by St. Bartholo-

The sentence of this Charter is, that fryer Walter, maister of the hospitall of seynt Bartholomewis *with*-out the Est gate of Oxenford, and the bretheren of the same place, yaf, graunted,

[1] Among witnesses: Henry, son of Milo; John Bolloc; Henry, janitor of Godstow.

and quyte-claymed for ever, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the couent of the same place, x. d. of yerely rent to be take at ij. *ter*mes of the yere; that is to sey, of j. half acre of lond that Walter Noreys held of them in the feld of Bewmounte, ix. d at Estir, And of the house which Roger*e* of Ammory held of them, j. d. at the fest of seynt Bartholomew, in the p*ar*issh of seynt Gyle w*ith*yn the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the said abbesse and Couent and to ther successours for them and ther successours for eu*er*, frely and quyetly, holy wele and in pease, w*ith* all the right and clayme that they had or myght have in the said half acre of lond and in the said house, w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis. And for this yifte and graunte & *cetera* the said abbesse and couent yaf to them j. mark of sterlyngis in warison. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

mew's Hospital, of two rent-charges.

Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.*

[587.] A quyte-clayme of Thomas Hastel Fitz Henry Hastell for all his londe with the partynentis, & *cetera*.

About 1270.

The sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Thomas fitz henry hastel graunted, lette, and quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires for ever, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the couent of the same place, all þat lond, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Roger Wrothe of the one p*ar*tie and the lond of Richard Toky of the other p*ar*ty in the parissh of seynt Gyle w*ith*-out the north gate in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, for hym and his heires for eu*er*, w*ith* all the right and clayme that he had or myght haue in the said lond, w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, frely and quyetly, holy, wele, and in * pease for all service custome and demaunde to hym and to his heires longyng. And for this graunte, lettyng & *cetera*, The forsaid abbesse and Couent yaf to hym xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warison. Into witnesse of the which thyng, & *cetera*.

Sale to Godstow, by Thomas son of Henry son of Hastel, of land.

* leaf 96.

Purchase-money, £1.

[588.] A Charter of Henry fitz Mylo of a mese in the parissh of seynt Gyle.

About 1270.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry fitz Mylo yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe

Sale to Godstow, by Henry

son of Milo, of land.

ther seruyng god and to serue for euer, that mese that moold that was somtyme the wyf of William of Euestan held somtyme

[Dowry.]

in the name of her dowry in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford, that (þat is to sey) that is I-sette bitwene the lond that was of Roger fitz Ive and the lond of Richard Wolgaricote: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, frely

Quit-rent, a rose.

quyetly wele and in pease for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. rose at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist for all seruycis customes and seculer demaundis. And þe forsaid henry and his heires warantized aquyted and defended for ever the said mese, *with* his pertynentis, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, ayenst all peple. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said mynchons yaf to hym v. *shillings* of siluer in warison. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, 5*s*.

About 1270.

[589.] * A Charter of William Brampton of iiij. d of yerely rent of the tenement of William Toky in the parissh of Seynt Gyles of Oxenforde.

Exchange between Godstow and William Brampton,

The sentence of this charter is, that William of Brampton yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god, iiij. d. of yerely rent, yerely to be take, at ij. termes of the yere, of all that mese that was of William Toky, *with* his pertynentis, that lieth bitwene * the lond that was somtyme of Hugh Sinot of the one *parte* and the lond þat was of Adam Fres of the other *parte* in the parissh of Seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford, that is to sey, at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist ij. d. of siluer, and at Mighelmasse ij. d. of siluer: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires and his assignes, to the said Mynchons of Godestowe and to

* leaf 96, back. of a quit-rent owned by Brampton

to be held by a peppercorn,

theire successours, frely and quyetly, wel and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires one corne of grayne of pepir in the fest of our lordis birthe for all seculer servicis customes and demaundes longyng to hym and to his heires. And the said william and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended for euer the forsaid iiij. d. of yerely rent, as hit is dyuyded afore, to the said mynchons and to theire successours for euer. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid

mynchons yaf to hym into eschaunge one place of lond̃ behynd̃ there court the which conteynyth in lengthe ix. elnys and one quarteroñ and in brede xiiij. elnys with-out[1] ynche, as hit is I-conteyned̃ in the charter of the said̃ mynchons I-made therof to them. And that this his yifte, graunte, & *cetera*[2]. for a strip of Godstow land.

[590.] A quyte-clayme of Alice Bolloc of a mese in the parissh of Seynt Gyle in Oxenforde. About 1270.

THE sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Alice Bolloc, in her owne lawfull̃ wedowhode and power, graunted̃ lete and quyte-claymed̃, for hym[3] and for his[3] heires for euer, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Covent of the same place, all̃ his[3] right and clayme that [s]he had̃or myght haue into all̃ that mese, with all̃ his pertynentis, that lieth̃ bitwene the lond̃ that was of henry Stoche of the j. parte and the londe that was of henry Bonetoñ of the other, in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford̃: To be had̃ and to be hold̃, for[4] hym[3] and for[4] his[3] heires for euer, frely and quyetly, wele, holy, and in pease fro all̃ seruyce perteynyng to hym[3] and to his[3] heires. And for this * dimissioñ or letyng, graunte, and quyte-clayme, the said̃ abbesse and couent yaf ij. *shillings* of sterlyngis. In-to witnesse of the which thyng, & *cetera*. Sale to Godstow, by Alice Bolloc, widow, of her interest in a messuage. * leaf 97. Purchase-money, 2*s*.

[6. Thomas of Stanford's (or Stamford's) foundation.]

[NOTE.—The witnesses to Thomas of Stanford's purchases (William Cromp, John of Curtlington, Ernold le Goer, Nicholas Kingston, Adam of Middleton, William Toky) fix the transactions as about 1270–75. Magister Thomas de Stamford resigned the vicarage of St. Giles's, Oxford, in 1274: Wood's *City of Oxford*, iii. 85.]

[591.] * A Charter of Moolde Arneby I-made to maister Thomas Sanford̃ of all̃ her lond̃ in the parissh of seynt Gyle, & *cetera*. * leaf 100, back. About 1270.

THE sentence of this charter is, that moolde Arneby of the parissh of Seynt Gyle yaf & *cetera* to maister Thomas Sanforde all̃ her lond̃ liyng̃ bitwene the lond̃ of the vicarye of seynt Gyle Sale to Thomas Stanford, by Maud

[1] i. e. less a thumb-width: 'sine pollice' in the Latin. Twelve 'thumbs' make a foot.

[2] Among the witnesses is Robert Maynard, vicar of St. Mary Magdalen, Oxford, instituted 1268.

[3] 'hym,' 'his,' for 'her,' the translator forgetting that the grantor was a female.

[4] Read 'of' for 'for.'

Arneby, of land.

of the one p*ar*te and the lond' that was somtyme of Rob*er*t Broughton and Gilbert Chapeler of the other p*ar*te in the forsaid' parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to the said' maist*er* Thomas and to his heires, or to whom-so-eu*er* he wold' yeve bequeth selle aliene or assigne hit, in what-so-eu*er* state he were, in helth or in sikenesse, of hym [1] and of his [1] heires or his [1] assignes, frely, quyetly, also by right heritage for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to hym [1] and to his [1] heires or to his [1] assignes one rede appull at myghelmasse for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid' Moold' and her heires or her assignes warantized' acquyted' and defended' all the forsaid' lond' to the forsaid' maister Thomas and to her [2] heires, or to whom-so-eu*er* he wold' yeve bequethe selle aliene or assigne hit, ayenst all peple, men and women, bothe Iewes and cristen, by the forsaid' seruyce, for eu*er*. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid' maist*er* Thomas yaf to her ij. marke in warison. And that all thise afore thyngis, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, a red apple at Michaelmas.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £1 6*s*. 8*d*.

[592.] A Charter of Iohn Crompe of Oxenford', the sone of Richard' * Pekewether, to maister Thomas Stanford' for iiij. d'. of rente.

* leaf 101. About 1270.

Sale to Thomas Stanford, by John Crompe, of a rent-charge, perhaps over no. 591.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Iohn Crompe of Oxenford', the sone of Richard' Pekewethir, yaf & *cetera*, to maist*er* Thomas Stanford' iiij. d'. of yerely rent, yerely to be take of a mese, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond' longyng to the vicariage of the chirch of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford' and the lond' of William Toky, at myghelmasse, in the parissh of the same chirch of seynt Gyle: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and of his heires or his assignes, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes that he wold' and to her [3] heires, frely quyetly holy and in pease for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one clowe-gelofre at mydsomer for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid' Iohn and his heires or his assignes warantized' acquyted' and defended' the said' iiij. d'. of yerely rent to the forsaid' maist*er* Thomas and to his heires or to his assignes to whom he wold' and to ther heires ayenst all peple, men and women,

Quit-rent, a clove at Midsummer.

[Warranty

[1] Read 'her.' [2] Read 'his.' [3] i.e. their.

bothe Iewes Iewesses and cristen men, by the forsaid seruyce, for euer. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid maister Thomas yaf to hym v. *shillings* of siluer in warisoñ afore-handis. And þat, & *cetera*. against Jews.] Purchase-money, 5*s*.

[593.] A Charter of Powle Fitz Ade Blunte to maister Thomas Sanford for v. d. of yerely Rente, & *cetera*. About 1270.

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Powle fitz Adam Blunte yaf & *cetera* to maister Thomas Sanford v. d. of yerely rent the which he was I-wonyd to resceive of the lond that is bitwene the lond of the vicary of seynt Gyle of the one parte and the lond of William Toky of the other parte in the parissh of seynt Gyle without the north gate of Oxenford in the subarbis of Oxenford towne: To be had and to be hold, with all right and clayme, with the pertynentis, that he had therof, or myght have afterward, to the said maister Thomas and to his heires or to his assignes what-so-ever they shold be or whom-so-ever he wold yeve bequethe selle aliene or assigne hit bothe in sikenesse and in helth, of hym and of his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly and by right heritage for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires, or to his assignes, one clowe-gelofre at Ester for all seruyce exaccioñ and demaunde. And the forsaid Powle and his heires or his assignes warantized acquyted and defended the forsaid rent, with his pertynentis, to the forsaid maister Thomas and to his heires, or to whom-so-ever he wolde yeve bequeth selle aliene or assigne hit, ayenst all peple, men and women, bothe Iewes and cristen men, by the forsaid seruyce, for euer. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid maister Thomas yaf to hym iij. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warisoñ. And that all these aforsaid thyngis & *cetera*. Sale to Thomas Stanford, by Paul Blunte, of a rent-charge over same property as in no. 592. Quit-rent, a clove at Easter. [Warranty against Jews.] Purchase-money, 3*s*.

[594.] A Charter of Iohn Crompe of Oxenford to maister Thomas Samford[1] of xij. d of yerely rent. About 1270.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Crompe of Oxenford, fitz Richard Pekwether, yaf & *cetera* to maister Thomas Samford[1] xij. d. of yerly * rent to be take yerely at Mighelmasse, that is to sey, of the house, with the pertynentis, that was Sale to Thomas Stanford, * leaf 101, back.

[1] Spelt 'Sanford' in no. 595.

by John Crompe, of rent-charges, 6*d.* and 6*d.*, overhouses.

somtyme of henry Crompe, the which now holdith the abbot of Oseneye, and lieth bitwene the lond of Adam Middelton and the lond of Robert Staunton in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford, vj. d.; and of the house, with the per-

[Property of Oxford University.]

tynentis, that Robert of Staunton held of the vnyuersite of Oxenford, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of William Bre and the lond of the abbot of Oseneye in the parissh aforsaid, vj. d.: To be had and to hold, to the seid maister Thomas and to his heires, or to alle his assignes which that he wold assigne and to ther heires, of hym and his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly wele holy and in pease for ever.

Quit-rent, a clove at Midsummer.

yeldyng therof yerely one clowe-gelofre at mydsomer for all seruyce seculer, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Iohn and his heires or his assignes warantized acquyted and defended the said xij. d of yerely rent to the forsaid maister Thomas and to his heires, or to his assignes to whom-so-euer he wold assigne

[Warranty against Jews.]

hit and to ther heires, ayenst all men and women, bothe Iewes Iuwesses and cristen men, by the forsaid seruyce, for ever. And

Purchase-money, 10*s.*

for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid maister Thomas yaf to hym x. *shillings* of sterlyngis by-fore handis in warison. And that all these aforseid thynges, & *cetera*.

1275.

[595.] A Charter of maister Thomas of Sanford of the house ayenst seynt Gylys chirch of Oxenford to the mynchons of Godestowe.

Grant to Godstow, by Thomas Stanford, for endowment of a chantry in Godstow for the Stanford family,

The sentence of this charter is that Thomas Sanford yaf & *cetera*, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the covent of the same place, into pure and perpetuel almesse,

to the susteynyng of the masse of oure lady seynt marye at the auter of the blissed virgyne in the monastery of Godestowe every day to be sunge, for the sowle of maister hugh Sanford, and for the sowles of fadir modir and brother of the same, and for the sowlis of Moolde his modir, Mabile of Ely, of maister Richard Mappeham[1], and all his benefacturis,

of houses in St. Giles's parish,

all his houses with all ther pertynentis that he had in the subarbis of Oxenford in the parissh of seynt Gyle of Oxenford, the which lye bitwene the houses of the vicarre of the chirch of seynt Gyle of the one parte and the lond of William Toky

[1] Richard de Mapham, archdeacon of Oxford, occurs 1272.

of the other *par*te; and iij. acris of mede and an half liyng in the mede that is I-called' Bisshoppeshayte, that is to sey, one acre that he bought of Iohn Crompe, and another acre that he bought of henry Chambir, and the thirde acre that he bought of Iulian the doughter of Anneys of Cudelyngtō the sustir of the saide henry, And the half acre of mede the which was somtyme of henry at the hithe, As hit is conteyned' *with*yn the char*ter* I-made þerof; and j. half acre of arable lond', the which lieth behynde the mese of Arnold' Goere, and a grounde liyng bitwene the lond' of Iohn * Rodeplonte of the north *par*te and the lond' of Roger Ivys of the other *par*te, and another ground' liyng bitwene the mese of William Toky of the one *par*te and the mese of Alice Frees of the other; and xij. d' of yerely rent, that is to sey, vj. d'. of j. half acre in Brixstamsedys to be take, And other vj. d'. to be take of j. half acre that he bought of Iohn Cromp̄, the which was I-called' 'South and north,' as hit is I-conteyned' in the charter I-made vpon that: To be had' and to be hold', to the seid' abbesse and Covent for ever, into pure and *per*petuel almesse, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, Savyng the rent of the chief lordis of the fee. And that this yifte, graunte, & *cetera*, shold' be sure, & *cetera*, he put to his seale & *cetera*.

and of $3\frac{1}{2}$ acres in Bishop's eyt meadow,

and of 3 pieces of arable, * leaf 102.

and of rent-charges.

[South-and-North.]

[596.] A Charter of Anneys relicte of Richard' of Bracle quyte-claymyng his[1] right in all his[1] tenement *with* the *per*tynentis. About 1280.

The sentence of this char*ter* is, that Anneys somtyme the wyf of Richard' Brackele, in her wedowhode and lawfull power, graunted' and vttirly quyteclaymed', for hym[1] and his[1] heires, to Mable Wafre, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couent of the same place and to ther successours, all the right and clayme that she had' or myght have had' in all that tenement, *with* all his *per*tynentis, that the said' Richard' Brackele somtyme her husbond' sold' to maist*er* Thomas Sanford', of the which tenementis, *with* his *per*tynentis, she impleted' the said' abbesse of Godestowe afore the Iusticis of the benche by the kyngis breef 'of the entryng' (or de ingressu) I-called', the which tenement, *with* his *per*tynentis, is I-sette even ayenst to the chirche of seynt Gyle of the Est

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Agnes widow of Richard of Brackley,

of all title in her husband's property sold to Thomas of Stanford.

[1] Read 'her.'

parte in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid abbesse and Couent and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer, So that nother the said Anneys ne none of her heires, ne none by her or for her and her heires, shold never have power to axe ony right or clayme afterwarde. And for this letyng & *cetera* the forsaid abbesse and couent yaf to her ij. markes of sterlyngis before handis in waryson. Into witnesse, & *cetera* [1].

Purchase-money, £1 6*s.* 8*d.*

* leaf 102, back. 1276.

[597.] *A Charter of Isowde abbesse of Godestowe and of the Couent of þe same place to maister Thomas Staunford for a fee-ferme of a mese with the housis aboue hit in the parissh of Seynt Gyle.

Life-rent by Godstow, to Thomas Stanford, of houses in St. Giles, as in no. 595.

The sentence of this charter is, that Isowde Derham, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couent of the same place, yaf and graunted to fee-ferme to maister Thomas Staunford, person [2] of the chirch of Bolegraue, alle ther mese *with* the houses I-sette aboue hit, the which mese lieth bitwene the mese of the chirche of seynt Gyle of Oxenford of the one parte and the mese of William Toky of the other parte in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be-hold, to the seid maister Thomas and to his assignes all the daies of their lyf, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to them [3] and to ther successours j. d. at Estir for all seculer seruyce and exaccion, So nathelesse that aftir the dethe of the said maister Thomas the mese *with* the forsaid housis sholde turne ayene to ther house *with*out ony agayn-seiyng. And for this yifte the said maister Thomas yaf to the abbesse and Couent afore-said xl. li. of siluer afore-handis. And into witnesse of this & *cetera*, the bothe parties sette her seles.

Quit-rent, 1*d.* at Easter.

Purchase-money, £40.

1276, June 29.

[598.] A Covenaunt I-made bitwene the abbesse of Godestowe and maister Thomas Staunford for a mese *with* the pertynentis.

Recitation of, and formal

This was the covenaunte I-made, in the fest of the appostels Petir and Paule, the yere of our lord a thousand thre [4] hundred

[1] The witnesses are William le spicer, *maior*, Philip de Eu and Ely le quilter, *ballivi*, of Oxford. These may have taken office at Michaelmas 1279, when the list (Wood's *City of Oxford*, iii. 11) is imperfect.

[2] 'rector' in the Latin.

[3] *Sic*: redundantly.

[4] In error for 'two.'

and xvj., bitwene the religious ladyes, I*sold* by the grace of god abbesse of Godestow, and the couent of the same place of the one *parte*, and maist*er* Thomas Staunford of the other *parte*, that is to sey, that the said religious ladies, for them and ther successours, graunted to the said maist*er* Thomas, as longe as he lived, a mese, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, that lieth in the subarbis of Oxenford in the parissh of seynt Gyle, bitwene the house of the vicarie of the same of the one *parte* and the lond that was somtyme of William Toky of the other *parte*: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Thomas al so longe as he lived, frely quyetly wele and in pease, w*ith* all the hole, yeldyng to the said religious ladies and to ther successours yerly j. d. at Mighelmasse for all exaccion and demaund; And whan the said maist*er* Thomas decessith the said house, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, shold turne * ayene to the said Religious ladyes w*ith*out any agayn-saiyng; And for-asmoch as there was made an Instrumente of warantiȝyng vpon the saide house of the *parte* of the said Religious ladies, Be hit I-know to all peple that the said Instrument vpon warantiȝyng fro that tyme[1] forth had none effecte. The date at Godestowe in the fest of the appostles Petir and Paule, The yere of our lord M¹CCC[2] lxxvj., these *present* writyng I-made to maner of a chart*er* and the seales of the p*ar*ties I-put to o*ther*, & *cetera*.

cancelling of, no. 597.

* leaf 103.

[7. Land bought from Peter of Middleton.]

[599.] * A Charter of Iohn Croomp I-made to Adam of Middelton for xxix. d. of yerely rente, & *cetera*.

* leaf 97. About 1260.

Sale to Adam of Middleton, by John Crompe, of a rent-charge.

THE sentence of this chart*er* is, that Iohn Croompe, Cordewaner, yaf & *cetera* to Adam of Middelton, tanner, xxix. d. of yerely rente, yerely to be take at iiij. pryncipall t*er*mes of the yere, of all that lond, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was somtyme of Richard Barlich of j. *parte* and the lond of the abbesse of * Godestowe of the other *parte*, in the parissh of Seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires or his

* leaf 97, back.

[1] 'extunc in perpetuum nullum optinere effectum.'

[2] In error for 'CC.'

assignes to the said' Adam his heires or his assignes for euer, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, with all the right and clayme that he had', or myght haue, into all the forsaid' lond' with all hispertynentis, yeldyng therof yerely to hym [and] to his heires or to his assignes one clow-gelofre at Estir for all seruyce custome and demaunde. And the forsaid' Iohn and his heires or his assignes warantized' and defended' for euer the forsaid' xxix. d'. of the said' lond', with ther pertynentis, to the said' Adam, his heires, or his assignes, ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid' Adam yaf to hym xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warison. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[1].

Quit-rent, a clove at Easter.

Purchase-money, £1.

About 1260.

[600.] A Charter of William Crampe fitz Iohn Crampe I-made to the same Adam of Middelton and to Ysowde his wyf of j. acre and j. half of arable lond' in Bewmounte, & *cetera*.

Sale to Adam of Middleton, by William Crompe, of 1½ acres.

The sentence of this charter is, that William Crampe fitz Iohn Crampe yaf, & *cetera*, to Adam of Middelton and to Isowde his wyf, j. acre and an half of arable lond' in the feld' of Bewmounte, the which lyeth bitwene the lond' that was somtyme of Symond' fitz Milo of the north parte and the lond' of Iohn Curtlynton of the southe parte, in the parissh of seynt Gyle without the north yate in the subarbis of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said' Adam and Isowde his wyf and to ther heires or ther assignes or to whom-so-euer they wille yeve bequethe selle or assigne hit in helth or in sikenesse, frely and quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one clowe-gelofre at Estir for all seruyce, custome, sute of courte, and demaunde, savyng the servicis to the chief lordis dew and I-wonyd'. And the said' William and his heires or his assignes warantized' aquyted' and defended' for euer the said' acre of lond' and j. half, as hit is afore-diuided', to the said' Adam and Isowde, and to ther assignes, ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewis. And for this yifte & *cetera*, they yaf to hym ij. markes of sterlyngis in warison. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, a clove at Easter.

[Warranty against Jews.] Purchase-money, £1 6*s*. 8*d*.

[1] William Crompe is one of the witnesses.

[601.] *A Charter of Thomas Scotte and Lucie his wyf, I-made to Isowde the Relicte of Adam of Middeltoñ, quyte-claymyng all his right and clayme in a mese with his pertynentis.

* leaf 106, back. About 1280.

Quit-claim

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Thomas Scotte and Lucie his wyf lete, graunted, and vttirly quyte-claymed, for them * and ther heires, to Isowde somtyme the wyf of Adam Middeltoñ and to her heires or to her assignes, all the right and clayme that they had or myght haue in that mese, *with* his *per*tynentis, that is I-sette bitwene the lond of Nicholas Wolton of the one *par*tie and the lond that was somtyme of the said Adam Middeltoñ of the other *par*tie in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford, So that the said Thomas and lucie his wyf ne none of his heires ne none by them or for them myght aske afterward ony thynge of right or clayme in the said mese with his *per*tynentis. And for this lete, graunte, and quyte-clayme the said Isowde yaf to them xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis before handis in warisoñ and [1] j. curtell to the said luce of Irissh clothe. Into witnesse, & *cetera* [2].

* leaf 107. to Isold, widow of Adam of Middleton, by Thomas and Lucy Scott, of all title in a messuage.

Purchase-money, £2, and a kirtle.

[602.] *A Charter of Petir of myddeltoñ of all his tenement in the parissh of seynt Gyle of Oxenford, also with iij. acris and j. half acre of arable lond in bewmounte, to the mynchons, & *cetera*.

* leaf 100. 129½.

Sale to Godstow, by Peter of Middleton, of a messuage,

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that Petir of Middeltoñ, burgeys of Oxenford, sone and heire of Adam of Middeltoñ, yaf & *cetera*, to god and to the mynchons of Godestowe there *ser*uyng god and to *ser*ue for *euer*, alle his mese in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenforde, the which mese is I-sette bitwene the mese of Nicholas fitz Milo in the same *par*issh of the southe *par*te and the mese of Rob*ert* Sparow of the northe *par*te; also *with* iij. acris and j. half acre of arable lond liyng in bewmounte, bitwene the lond of the said abbesse of Godestowe of the northe *par*te and the lond of Rob*ert* Barton of the south *par*te, the which butten them-self fro the

and 3½ acres,

[1] The Latin is: 'et unam tunicam dicte Lucie de panno ybernico.'

[2] Among the witnesses are: Edmund de Wodestoke, bailiff of Godstow; William Motte; Nicholas Rodeplont.

kyngis-wey vnto the curtilagis toward the west *parte*: To be had and to be hold, *with* all ther *pertynentis*, of hym or his heires or his assignes aforseid, to the forsaid abbesse and couent of Godestowe and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease and holy for *euer*, yeldyng therof to the chief lordes of that fee seruyce dew * and I-Wonyd. And to the makyng of the chirch of seynt Gyle of Oxenford yerely xij. d. And the said Petir and his heires or his assignes shold warantize acquyte and defende for ever the forsaid mese and all the forsaid arable lond, *with* all ther *pertynentis*, to the forsaid abbesse of Godestowe and Couent and to ther successours. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid abbesse and couent yaf to hym Lv. *shillings*. of sterlyngis before handis. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[1].

* leaf 100, back. subject to 1*d*. quit-rent to St. Giles's church.

Purchase-money, £2 15*s*.

[603.] ***A charter of Petir of Middelton, burgeyse of Oxenford, I-made to Nicholas of Bluntesdon, for a mese *with* a shop *with* the *pertynentis*.**

* leaf 109. 1291, March 20.

Sale to Nicholas Walrand (as trustee in mort-main for Godstow), by Peter of Middleton, of properties as in no. 602,

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir of Middelton, burgeyse of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera* to Nicholas of Bluntesdon all that tenement, that is to sey, j. mese and j. shop, *with* all ther *pertynentis*, the which ben sette bitwene the mese of Nicholas fitz Milo of the sowthe *parte* and the mese of Robert of Middelton of the north *parte*, in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford; and iij. acris and j. half of arable lond, of the which, iij. acris lyen bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe of the one *parte* and the lond of Robert Berton of the other *parte*, and half j. acre lieth bitwene the lond of the said abbesse of bothe sides and strecchith them-self fro the seid tenement vnto the kyngis-wey fro bewmounte of the forsaid parissh: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Nicholas and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and his heires or his assignes to which-so-ever he wold yeve or selle or assigne them, bothe to religious and seculers, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, frely quyetly pesibly and holy by right heritage for *euer*, yeldyng therof * yerely to the chief lordis of the fee dew and wonyd

* leaf 109, back.

[1] Among the witnesses are: Richard of Williamscote, sheriff of Oxfordshire and keeper of Northgate Hundred; John of Ewe, *maior*, and William of Wodeston and Robert of Wormehall, *ballivi* of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas 1290.

service, that is to sey xvj. *shillings* vj. d., for all service seculer, sutis of courte, and all exaccions and demaundes. And the said Petir and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid mese and shop and þe forsaid iij. acris and j. half of arable lond, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Nicholas and to his heires or his assignes, by the forsaid seruyce, ayenst all men and women for euer, to who-so-euer handis his tenementis come afterward. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid Nicholas yaf to hym lx. marks of sterlyngis be-fore handis. And that & *cetera* thise afore-said thyngis shold be sure, & *cetera*[1].

subject to 16*s.* 6*d.* quit-rents.

Purchase-money, £40.

[604.] *A quyte-clayme of Iohane, somtyme the wyf of Petir of Middelton, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, for all the right that she had in the name of her dowery, & *cetera*.

* leaf 98. 1297, June 12.

Sale to Godstow, by Joan, widow of Peter of Middleton, of her jointure rights in no. 602.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iohane, somtyme the wyf of Petir of Middelton, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, lete, graunted, and vttirly quyte-claymed, to the abbesse and couent of Godestowe, all her right that she had, or myght have, in the name of her dowery, in all londes and tenementis the which Petir of Middelton somtyme her husbond sold to the forsaid abbesse and Couent and there successours in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford, So that nother the said Iohane ne none in her name shold neuer haue power to axe or chalenge afterward in the forsaide lond and tenementis ony right or clayme, in the name of her dowry or mariage, after the makyng of this quyte-clayme. And for this dimission or lettyng and quyte-clayme the forsaid abbesse and couent yaf to her xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis. In-to witnesse of the which & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the morow of seynt Barnabe the appostle, the xxv. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry.

Purchase-money, £2.

[605.] *A-nother licence for to purchase one mese *with* the *per*tynentis in Oxon.

* leaf 193. 130$\frac{3}{4}$, March 8.

Licence in mortmain by Edward I

The sentence of this licence is, that Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, though he ordeyned by the

[1] Witnesses as in preceding deed.

empowering Nicholas Walrand to give and Godstow to receive

comon counseil of his Reame that hit shold' not be lawfull to Religious peple to entre the fee of ony[1] or of other, so that hit shold' come into morte-mayne, *with*out his licence and of the chief lord' of the which hit was I-hold' inmediatly, Nathelesse, by a fyne the which his welbeloued' in crist the abbesse of Godestowe made *with* hym in his Chauncellarye, he graunted' and yaf licence al so moche as was in hym to Nicholas Walrande of Bluntesdon that he myght yeve and assigne to the forsaid' abbesse and mynchons that they myght resceive and hold' the forsaid' mese of the forsaid' Nicholas, as hit is I-seid' afore, by the tenoure of this *present* writyng. Also he yaf to them speciall licence, not willynge that the forsaid' Nicholas or his heires, or the forsaid' abbesse and mynchons or ther successours, by cause of the forsaid' statute, shold' be occasioned' or greved' in ony thyngis, Savyng nathelesse seruyce therof dew and I-wonyd' to the chief lordes of that fee. Into witnesse of the which thynge, he made to be made these his lettres patentis, hym-self beyng witnesse, at westmynster, the viij. day of Marche, The xxxj. yere of his reigne.

a messuage, &c., as in no. 603.

[Note.—A conjecture may be hazarded as to the source from which the money for the preceding purchase came, and the purpose to which the income so secured was to be applied.

At the dissolution, in 1540, we find (*Monast.* iv. 370) Godstow lands charged with £1 5*s.* yearly to provide a pittance on the anniversary of Ela (de Longespée), countess of Warwick, and also with £7 7*s.* to be spent in almsgiving and in the salaries of two chaplains to say mass in Godstow chapel for the same countess. There is nowhere any mention of endowment supplied by her to meet these charges. Since she died in 1297, it is possible that about 1290 she advanced money to provide such endowment, and that 'Middleton Hall' in St. Giles was purchased out of that fund.]

[8. Deeds connected with the meadow called Bishop's-eyt.]

* leaf 107, back. About 1230.

[606.] * A Charter of henry fitz Lewysyj to hugh fitz Richard' of Walton for ij. acris of mede and a roode.

Sale to Hugh, son of Richard, of Walton, for £2, by Henry son

The sentence of this Charter is, that henry fitz Lewysyj[2] yaf & *cetera* to hugh fitz Richard' of Waltoñ, for his seruice and for xl. *shillings* of siluer the which he yaf to hym afore-handis in warisoñ, tho ij. acris of mede and an half roode, the which

[1] Read 'him' for 'ony.'

[2] i. e. Lewisii.

the forsaid' Richard' the fadir of the seid' hugh somtyme held' of the said' Lewys his fadir in the bisshoppesheyte by lotte: To be hold' and to be had', of hym and his heires, to the same hugh and to his heires or to his assignes, frely and quyetly wele and in pease for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordis of that fee xiij. d' ob*olus quadrans* at Midsomer, and he shold' ere to hym and to his wyf eu*ery* yere al so longe as they lived' j. acre of lond' in Bradmore; And anon aftir ther decesse the said' eryng shold' cesse for eu*er*, And fro that tyme the same hugh and his heires or his assignes shold' pay to his heires or to his assignes j. ob*olus* at Mighelmasse for the warantyng. And the seid' henry and his heires or his assignes warantiȝed' and defended' for eu*er* the forsaid' ij. acris and j. half roode of mede, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires or to his assignes, ayenst all peple. And into the witnesse of the which thynge, & *cetera*[1].

of Lewis, of meadow, assigned by lot.

Quit-rent, $13\frac{3}{4}d.$

Obligation to plough 1 acre, to be afterwards commuted for $\frac{1}{2}d.$ yearly.

[607.] *A Charter of Iohn Crompe of Oxenford' to Hugh Palmer for vj. acris of mede with the partynentis.

* leaf 108. 1264.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Crompe of Oxenford' yaf & *cetera* to hugh Palmer vj. acris of mede, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis; of the which, v. lien in eu*er*tichesheite[2] bitwene the hacacre and haldewere in the shire of Berk*es*, the which falle to hym by lotte, and j. acre of mede in bisshopisheyte, the which falle to hym by lotte: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and of his heires, to the said' hugh and to his heires or his assignes to which-so-eu*er* he wold' yeve selle bequethe or assigne hit in helthe or in sikenesse, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d'. at the fest of the natiuite of seynt Iohn baptist, and to the chief lordis of the fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd', for all seculer exaccion and demaunde. And the said' Iohn and his heires warantiȝed' and defended' for eu*er* the seid' vj. acris of mede, w*ith* all the p*er*tinentis, to the said' hugh, and to his heires or his assignes,

Grant to Hugh Palmer, by John Crompe, of 5 acres in Allriches eyot, and one in Bishop's-eit, all assigned by lot,

quit-rent, 1*d.*,

[1] Witnesses: Alan Dudeling, William Culvard, Arnold Goer, Roger miller, John Crompe. Of these John Crompe occurs elsewhere as a witness with Simon Balehorn, whose date is known: see nos. 333–5

[2] In the Latin 'Eilrichseit.' The meadow so called included the present Pool at Folly Bridge, and the range of houses north of it in Isis Street: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 452. It does not appear that this piece of meadow came to Godstow: though the acre in Bishop's-eit did (see in no. 533).

ayenst alle men and women. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid' hugh yaf to hym a mese, *with* the p*er*tynentis, into an eschaunge, the which lieth bitwene the lond' of Iohn Coleshulle and the lond' of Iohn Eynysham in the parissh of seynt Martyn of Oxenford', as they ben I-writte and I-diuided' afore. And that all these thyngis sholde be sure, & *cetera*.

in exchange for a messuage in St. Martin's parish.

* leaf 109, back. About 1275.

[608.] * A charter of Alson Walton the doughtir of hugh moneke I-made to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. acre of mede in the bisshoppisheyte by Lotte.

Grant to Godstow, by Alice, daughter of Hugh of Walton, of 1 acre (as in no. 606),

The sentence of this charter is, that Alice Walton, the doughtir of hugh moneke, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the abbesse and to the Covent of the house of Godestowe, an acre of mede in bisshoppesheyte to be take by lotte, that (that is to sey) that henry fitz lewys somtyme held': To be had' and to be hold', *with* all his p*er*tynentis and eysementis and pasture, into fre pure and p*er*petuel almesse, *with* fre entryng and goyng out to the same, doyng þ*er*of to the chief lordis of the fee seruyce therof dew and I-wonyd'. And the forsaid' Alice and her heires or assignes warantized' and defended' for eu*er* the forsaid' acre of mede, as hit is afor-seid', ayenst all peple. And [for] this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid' abbesse and covent * yaf to her to the *ter*me of her lyf j. chambre to dwelle in, the whiche Iohn Masun first enhabited' in, aftir the fo*ur*me fully I-content in the charter of feffement I-made therof. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*.

* leaf 110. in return for the use of a room.

* leaf 108. About 1260.

[609.] * A Charter of luce the doughtir of William Brumman for half j. acre of mede in the Bisshoppisheyte I-made to Robert fitz Aylewyn of Walton.

Sale to Robert son of Aylewyn, by Lucy Brumman, of meadow assigned by lot.

The sentence of this charter is that luce the doughtir of William Brumman, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, yaf & *cetera* to Robert fitz Aylewyn j. half acre of mede, the which lieth in the mede that is I-called' the bisshoppishayte by lotte in the subarbis of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', of hym [1] and his [1] heires or his [1] assignes, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym [1] and to his [1] heires or to his [1]

[1] Read 'her.'

assignes j. ob*olus* at Estir for all̃ *ser*uice custome and demaunde, savyng̃ the rent to the chief lordis of that fee. And the forsaid̃ luce and her heires or her assignes warantiȝed̃ * and defended̃ for euer the forsaid̃ half acre of mede to the forsaid̃ Rob*er*t and to his heires or assignes ayenst all̃ men and women. And for this yifte & *cetera* the seid̃ Rob*er*t yaf to hym [1] iiij. *shillings* of sterlyngis in-to warison̄. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, ½*d*.

* leaf 108, back.

Purchase-money, 4*s*.

[610.] * A Charter of Iohn hulle Coruyser and Luce his Sustir of j. acre of mede to Adam London̄ of Oxenford̃.

* leaf 99, back. 1273.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that Iohn hulle, Corvyser, and luce his Sustir, yaf & *cetera* to Adam londō of Oxenford̃ j. acre of mede the which lieth in bisshoppisheyte in the subarbis of Oxenford̃: To be had̃ and to be hold̃, to the said̃ Adam and to his heires or his assignes, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to whom-so-eu*er* he wolde yeve selle bequeth̃ or assigne, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for ever, yeldyng̃ therof yerely to hym and to his heires one clowe of gelofre at Estir, and to the chief lordis of the fee dew *ser*uyce and I-wonyd̃, for all̃ seruyce exaccion̄ and demaunde. And the forsaid̃ Iohn and luce and ther heires or ther assignes warantiȝed̃ and defended̃ the forsaide acre of mede w*ith* the p*er*tynentis to the forsaid̃ Adam and his heires or to his assignes ayenst all̃ men bothe cristen and Iewes for eu*er*. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid̃ Adam yaf to hym xxx. *shillings* of sterlyngis afore-handis. And that all̃ thise afore I-write and a-fore I-diuided̃ thyngis & *cetera* shold̃ abide for eu*er* w*ith*out deceite, they strengthed̃ this p*re*sent char*ter* & *cetera* [2].

Sale to Adam London, by John and Lucy Hulle, of 1 acre,

quit-rent, a clove.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase money, £1 10*s*.

[611.] A Charter of Adam London̄ to the mynchons of Godestow of one acre of mede the which lieth in Bisshoppisheyte.

About 1282.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that Adam I-called̃ London̄, burgeys of * Oxenford̃, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the

Sale to Godstow, * leaf 100.

[1] 'hym,' in error for 'her.'

[2] Witnesses include Henry Owen, *maior*, and Ely le quilter and Nicholas goldsmith, *ballivi*, of Oxford.

by Adam London, of no. 610.

mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serve for ever, one acre of mede the which lieth in bisshoppisheyte, the which acre of mede he had and bought of Iohn hulle, Coruyser, and luce his sustir: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, of hym or his heires or his assignes, all the forsaid acre *with* his *per*tynentis, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for eu*er*, yeldyng therof to the *pri*oresse and mynchons of Stodely vij. d. for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the forsaid Adam and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and shold defende *with* his owne costis all the forsaid acre of mede holy to the forseid mynchons and to ther successours ayenst all men and women, bothe Iewes and cristen men. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym xxxiij. *shillings* iiij. d. of sterlyngis before handis. And that all, & *cetera*.

[Studley priory.]

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £1 13*s*. 4*d*.

1282, Nov. 8.

[612.] A quyte-clayme of Henry Fitz Milo of Oxenford of j. acre of mede in the bisshoppesheyte, & *cetera*.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Henry son of Milo, as overlord, of all title in no. 610.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that henry Fitz [Milo] in the subarbis of Oxenford relesed, and vttirly quyte-claymed, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther *ser*uyng god and for eu*er* to *ser*ue, all the right and clayme that he had or in any wise myght have in one acre of mede that lieth in the bisshoppesheyte *with*-out Walton *with*-in the liberteis of the hundred *with*-out the north gate of Oxenford, the which acre of mede was somtyme of Iohn hulle, Coruyser, of Oxenford and Luce his sustir, So that nother he ne the forsaid henry fitz Milo nother there heires ne none in theire name shold never axe right ne clayme in the forsaid acre of mede ne never chalenge. And for this remyssion and quyte-clayme the forsaid abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe yaf to hym one marke of siluer. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the sonday next after the fest of all seyntis, the x. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward.

[9. Exchange with William Burchester.]

*** A licence of kynge Edward̃ to purchace and confirmacion̄.** * leaf 192. 1321, Nov. 14.

[613.] A licence I-made to William Burncestre to morteyse to the mynchons of Godestowe one tofte, with the pertynentis, in the subarbes of Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

*** A Licence of kyng̃ Edward̃ to purchase.** * leaf 192, back.

Licence in mortmain, by Edward II,

THE sentence is this, that Edward̃[1], kynge of Englond̃, & *cetera*, willed̃ to be know that, though hit were I-ordeyned by the commune counseil of this Reame that hit shold̃ not be lawfull̃ to Religious peple or to other to entre the fee of ony man, so that hit shold̃ come into morte-mayne, with-oute his licence and of the chief lordes of the which that thynge was immediatly holde by, Nathelesse the which, [by the fine which[2]] william Burnechestre [had made[2]] with hym, he graunted̃ and yaf licence, for hym and his heires (al so moche as was in hym), to the same william that he myght yeve and assigne one tofte with the pertynentis in the subarbis of Oxenford̃ to his welbeloued̃ in crist the abbesse of Godestowe and to the mynchons of the same place: To be had̃ and to be holde, to the same abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for ever, into an eschaunge for one tofte with the pertynentis in the same subarbis to the same william by the forsaid̃ abbesse and mynchons in fee to be yeve and graunted̃ for ever. And also he graunted̃ a speciall̃ licence to the abbesse and mynchons that they myght resceive and holde the forsaid̃ tofte, with his pertynentes, of the forsaid̃ william, to them and to ther successours; and to the forsaid̃ william that he myght resceive and holde another tofte, with the pertynentis, of the forsaid̃ abbesse and mynchons, to hym and to his heires for ever, into the forsaid̃ chaunge, as hit is I-seid̃ afore by the tenoure of this present writyng̃, not willyng̃ that the forsaid̃ william or his heires, or the forsaid̃ abbesse and mynchons or there successours, be

allowing William Burchester to give to Godstow, a toft

in exchange for a toft belonging to Godstow;

and allowing Godstow to effect said exchange.

[1] Nov. 14, 15 Edw. I, would be 1287. It is plain, however, from the next deed that it ought to be 'Edward, son of King Edward,' i. e. 1321.

[2] Words added from the Latin.

occasioned or greved in ony thynge by hym or by his heires. Savyng nathelesse service dewe and I-wonyd to the chief lordis of that fee. Into witnesse of whiche thynge he made to be made his lettres patent, hymself beyng witnesse, at westmynster, the xiiij. day of Nouembre, the xv yere of his reigne, & *cetera*.

* leaf 97. 1322, June 4.

[614.] * **A Charter of William Burcetur, Burgeys of Oxenford, of a Tofte With the partynentis, & *cetera*.**

Exchange between Godstow and William Burchester, in terms of no. 613.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William of Burcetur, burgeys of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera*, to Margery, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the couent of the same place, into eschaunge, by the vertu of a charter of the kynge I-made therof, as hit is conteyned fully in the same charter, one toofte, with the pertynentis, in the subarbis of Oxenford without the north yate of the same towne, that lieth in the parissh of seynt Gyle, bytwene the tenement of Nicholas Aylesdon of the one partie and the tenement of Richard kene of Oseneye of the other parte: To be had and to be hold, with all the pertynentis, to the forsaid abbesse and couent and to there successours for euer, of the chief lordis of that fee, by dew service therof and I-wonyd of right. And the forsaid William and his heires warantized and defended for euer all the forsaid toofte with his pertynentis to the forsaid abbesse and couent and to ther successours ayenst all peple. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid abbesse and couent, into eschaunge for the forsaid tofte, yaf to hym a tofte with his pertynentis in the subarbis abouesaid. In-to witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford, the iiij. day of Iuyn, the xv. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward[1].

[10. Miscellaneous deeds.]

[NOTE.—These documents probably refer to properties which came to Godstow about 1290, but their connexion has not been traced.]

* leaf 107, back. About 1230.

[615.] * **A Charter of William of Woluercote I-made to henry Blunde of xij. d. yerely to be paid of his acre of londe.**

Grant to Henry Blunde. by

THE sentence of this charter is, that William of Woluercote yaf & *cetera* to henry Blundo and to his heires xij. d yerely

Witness: John de Dokelynton, maior of Oxford, who took office Michaelmas 1321.

of his acre (of that, þat is to sey, the which lieth beside the pathe that is streight fro the strete of seynt Gile toward the thennhacre, in that [tilth], that is to sey, the which is ayenst the kyngis halle), yeldyng to hym and to his heires [xii. d.] at ij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at oure lady day in marche vj. d, and at Mighelmasse vj. d: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, frely and quyetly fro all exaccions and seruyce for euer. And he and his heires warantized the forsaid xij. d. to the said henry Blundo and to his heires ayenst all men and women, & *cetera*[1]. William of Wolvercote, of a rent-charge.

[616.] *A charter of Richard Giffard for j. acre of lond and iij. houses I-bilded above hit in the parissh of seynt Gyle to Geffrey of kenyntoñ. * leaf 109, back. About 1230.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Giffard graunted lete and delyuered to Geffrey of kenyntoñ an acre of lond *with* iij. houses aboue I-bilded, in the parissh of seynt Gyle *with*-out the north gate of Oxenford, that is to sey, that acre that he held of Thomas Basset the which lieth bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe of the one parte and the grete strete of the other parte: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires, of hym and of his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly fully and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires xij. d. at Mighelmasse for alle seruyce and exaccioñ. And the forsaid Richard and his heires warantized the forsaid acre of lond *with* the iij. houses aboue I-bilded to the forenamed Geffray and to his heires ayenst all men and women. And for this his graunte & *cetera* the forsaid Geffrey yaf to hym iij. marke of siluer and j. half in warysoñ. And for-asmoche as he willed that all the aboue write thyngis, & *cetera*[2]. Sale to Jeffrey of Kennington, by Richard Giffard, of 3 houses, quit-rent, 1*s*. Purchase-money, £2 6*s*. 8*d*.

[617.] *A Charter of Richard Vinch to Betrige his doughtir for the half of all that lond that he had somtyme of Clement Bere. * leaf 108, back. About 1240.

The sentence of this charter is that Richard Vinch, by the consent and assent of luce his wyf, yaf & *cetera* to Betrige Grant to Beatrice Vinch, by

[1] Witnesses are: William of Cokesham, John Crompe, Hastinus praepositus.

[2] Witnesses: Simon Balehorn, Henry of Lisewis, &c.

her father Richard, of land

his doughtir half of all that lond' that he had' somtyme of Clement Bere in the parissh of seynt Gyle *with*-out the north gate in the subarbis of Oxenford', that is to sey, that half that lieth next to the lond' of Iohn Rodeplonte: To be hold' and to be had', of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, frely quyetly wele holy and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. d'. of siluer in Ester day, and vj. d' * to the light of seynt Gyle of the same parissh at iij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ij. d', at Candilmasse ij. d', and at Whitsontyde ij. d', for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the said' Richard' Vinch and his heires warantized' aquyted' and defended' the forsaid' half of lond' *with* the *per*tynentis to the forsaid' Betrige his doughtir ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said' Betrige yaf to hym ij. *shillings* of *ster*lynges. And that this his yifte shold' be sure, & *cetera*.

* leaf 109. subject to 6*d*. to light in St. Giles's church.

Purchase-money, 2*s*.

[618.] * **A charter of Alice Fychet of a certayn Lond' in þe parissh of seint gile.**

* leaf 107, back. About 1260. Sale to Hugh of Walton, by Alice Fichet, widow, of land,

* leaf 108.

The sentence of this charter is, that Alice Fychet, in her lawfull wedowhode and power, yaf & *cetera* to hugh Fitz hugh of walton all that lond', *with* all the *per*tynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond' that was of Ive of wodestok, of the one *par*te and the lond' of Richard' Wolgaricote of the other *par*te in the parissh of seynt Gile *with*out the north gate in the * Subarbis of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', of hym[1] and his[1] heires for eu*er*, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, frely and quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to the said' Alice al so longe as she lived xij. d'. at iiij. pryncipall *ter*mes of the yere, and to his[1] heires ij. d'. at Estir, for all seruyce custome and demaunde, savyng the rent of the chief lord'. And the forsaid' Alice and her heires warantized' and defended' all the forsaid' lond' *with* all the *per*tynentis to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires or to his assignes agenst all men, bothe cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid' hugh yaf to her xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis in waryson. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*.

subject to life-annuity of 12*d*., and to quit-rent of 2*d*.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £1.

[1] 'hym' and 'his' in error for 'her.'

[619.] * A charter of William Crompe for half j. acre lond in Bewmounte. * leaf 107. About 1280.

THE sentence of this charter is, that sir William Crompe, Chapeleyn, of Oxenford, yaf & *cetera* to Iohn of Middelton fitz Adam of Middelton, and to his heires or to his assignes, j. half acre of lond for euer, with his pertynentis, in the towne of Oxenford, liyng in the feld of bewmont in brede bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe and of þe same Couent of the northe parte and bitwene the lond of the fermorye of the same place of the southe parte, wherof j. hede of the forsaid half acre in brede strecchith hit-self toward the Est and another toward the west: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires and his assignes, to the forsaid Iohn and to his heiris or his assignes, frely quyetly holy wele and in good peaśe for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes j. clowe-gelofre at the fest of seynt Michell for all service, customes, and seculer demaundis, the which ben now or myght happe hereafter for euer. And the said William, his heires, or his assignes, warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid half acre ayenst all mortall men. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid Iohn yaf to hym j. marke of siluer afore-hondis into warison. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Sale to John of Middleton. by William Crompe, of a half-acre,

[Godstow infirmary.]

quit-rent, a clove at Michaelmas.

Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.*

[11. Leases granted by Godstow.]

[620.] * A Charter of william kochesham of v. *shillings*. * leaf 96, back. About 1230.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Cochesham held of the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe his lond in the parissh of seynt Gyles of Oxenford, yeldyng therof yerely xij. d. *with* the workyng of ij. men yerely by ij. dayes, that is to sey, to make heye and to mowe corne. Fro thens-forthe he and his heires shold pay for euer v. *shillings* to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, to-gedir *with* workyng of ij. men, *without* ony agayn-saiyng and reteynyng, at the fest of Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d. and at Estir ij. *shillings* vj. d. And for this graunte and encrese of the rent, the said abbesse and couent yaf to hym in his nede xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis, So that he fro that tyme forthe myght not plegge selle nother encrease the rent ne in no

Addition by Godstow to William of Cochesham's rent (viz. 1*s.*, with 2 days' work of 2 men hay-making and corn-mowing) of 4*s.* a year, in consideration of an advance of £2, under

covenant not to mortgage.

wyse aliene the forsaid' lond' to Iewys [or] cristen̄ men. And that this his owne willefulle graunte and encreasyng' of Rent shold' be sure, & *cetera* [1].

* leaf 108, back. 1265.

[621.] * A Charter of Emme Bluet to Iohn Crompe for a mese in the parisshe of Seynt Gyle of Oxenford'.

Grant by Godstow, to John Crompe and his heirs, of a messuage,

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Emme Bluet, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, *with* the assent and consent of all the Covent, yaf & *cetera* to Iohn Crompe all that mese, *with* the p*er*tynentis, I-sette bitwene the lond' of Adam Middelton̄ of the one p*ar*te and the lond' of William Crompe of the other p*ar*te, in the parissh of seynt Gyle w*ith*out the north yate in the subarbis of Oxenford': To be hold' and to be had', of them and ther successours, to the said' Iohn and to his heires, frely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successo*ur*s x. *shillings* of siluer at iiij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmas ij. *shillings* vj. d', and at oure lady day in marche ij. *shillings* vj. d', and at Midsomer ij. *shillings* vj. d', and at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d'; and j. man at ther grete bedrepe in hervest, for all seruyce custome and demaunde. And the seid' Iohn shold' susteyne all the forsaid' tenement, *with* his owne costis, in the same state that hit was or in bett*er* yf he myght. And the said' Iohn bound' hym-self that he myght be distreyned', w*ith*out ony agayn̄-saiyng, in þ*at* tenement and also [in] mevable goodes and vnmevable, yf he sesed' in ony t*er*me afore I-writte and paiyng of the dew rent; And yf hit hap that they or ther successours did' make ony expensis for to gete ther rent, the same Iohn and his heires shold' be hold' to pay the seid' expensis to them or to ther successours. And the seid' Emme Bluet and the Couent and ther successours warantized' acquyted' and defended' for eu*er* the said' mese, *with* the p*er*tynentis, as hit is diuided' afore, to the said' Iohn and to his heires ayenst all men and women bothe cristen and Iewes, so (that is to sey) that hit shold' not be lawfull to the said' Iohn or to his heires to leye to wedde the seid' mese in Iuery, nother to aliene hit to ony religious (out-take the house of Godestowe).

quit-rent, 10s.,

and service of 1 man at the great 'bed-repe,'

[Warranty against Jews.]

under covenant not to mortgage

[1] Witnesses are: Philip the miller, Robert Oen, Richard Bolloc, John Crompe.

And that this ther yifte & *cetera*, they put to ther scales, & *cetera*[1]. to Jews or religious.

[622.] *A Charter of Emme Blueth abbesse of Godestowe to Philip̄ writer of Bewmounte for one mese in Bewmounte. * leaf 103. About 1265.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Emme Bleueth, abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, yaf & *cetera* to Philippe, writer, in Bewmounte, j. mese in Bewmounte in the subarbis of Oxenford in the parissh of seynt Gyle, that that is bitwene the lond of the said Philippe and the lond that was somtyme of Adam Shenevet: To be had and to be hold, of them and there successours, and to hym, to his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease heritably for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to theire successours x. *shillings* at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Midsomer xxx. d, at Mighelmasse xxx. d, at Cristmasse xxx. d, at Estir xxx. d, for all seruyce, quarels, exaccions, sutis of ony maner courte, and demaundes, [savyng] twey[2] grete courtis at myghelmasse and at hokke-day. And yf hit happe that the said rent be not I-paid at the said *ter*mes, the said philip graunted for hym and his heires that his owne house shold be distreyned tille they were I-paid. And the abbesse and couent and ther sucessoures warantized and defended for euer to the forsaid philip and to his heires the said mese with all his *per*tynentis ayenst all men and women. And that this her graunte shold be sure & *cetera*[3]. Grant by Godstow, to Philip writer, of a messuage, quit-rent, 10*s*., subject to 2 suits of court. [Hockday = 2nd Tuesday after Easter.]

[623.] *A couenaunte I-made bitwene Dame Emme Bluet, abbesse by the grace of god of Godestowe, and sir Iohn of seynt Gyle, for iij. acris of arable lond *with* all ther *per*tynentis in ther tylthe of Wythorpte. * leaf 103, back. 1266, July 15.

THIS was the couenaunte I-made, bitwene dame Emme Bluet, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the Grant by Godstow, to John,

[1] Among the witnesses are Nicholas of Stokwell, *maior*, and William of O and Jeffrey mercer, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas 1264.

[2] (Exempt from 'sectae') 'salvis duabus magn*is* curi*is* ad festum Michaelis et a le hokeday.' See nos. 625, 626.

[3] Witnesses: William le Yrreys, William Crompe, Adam de Middleton, Ernald le goyere, &c.

parson of St. Giles,

[St. Kenelm = July 17.]

of 3 acres arable in Wycroft (?), with a building, osier-bed, and meadow at Wyke,

to be held for life-term,

[quit-rent, 2*s.*]

with rights of pasture over Godstow meadows.

* leaf 104.

same place of the one p*ar*tie, and sir Iohn of seynt Gyle of Oxenford' of the other p*ar*te, the thursday next afore the fest of seynt kenelme, the fyfty yere of the reigne of kyng' henry the sone of kyng' Iohn, that is to sey, that the said' abbesse and couent yaf, graunted', and confermed' w*ith* this p*re*sent couenaunte writyng', to the said' Iohn iij. acris of arable lond' w*ith* ther p*er*tynentis in the tylthe of wythorpte [1], w*ith* the mansion', tyftis of roddis, thorptis or croftis, and medis, at wyke, the whiche wyke somtyme they held' of the burgeys of Oxenford', as the same Iohn held' somtyme of them: of the which acris, ij. lyen' in the vtter south stede of ther said' tylthe, and the thirde acre a lytell toward' the north (ij. acris and j. half liyng' bitwene hit and the forsaid' two acris): To be had' and to be hold', to hym al so longe as he lived', of them and ther successours, frely quyetly in good' state and in pease, in weyes in pathes in medis and pasturis and fysshyngis, w*ith* alle fredoms and fre customes, yeldyng' therof yerely to them and to ther successours al so longe as he lived' ij. *shillings* of sterlyngis at Mighelmasse for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaund', or ony maner help, and þat þe same Iohn shold' have fre entre and goyng'-out w*ith* his owne bestis to be fedde in there medys nye lying' about þere londe * after the first heye and the seconde [2] careatu*m* or cariyng'. And the seid' Emme Bluet abbesse and Couent of Godestow warantiȝed' and defended' all the forsaid' londes w*ith* all the p*er*tynentis and fredoms to the said' Iohn also longe as he lyved' ayenst all men and women. So that aftir the decesse of the seid' Iohn, all the forsaid' lond' w*ith* the mansion', tyftis of twyggis, thorptis, medis, fedyngis, placis, fysshe-weris, and all other thyngis longyng' to the said' lond', shold' holy turne ayene to them and to there successours, w*ith*out ony contradiccion' or lette of ony man or of ony men, into ther owne vse. And that this writyng' conuencionall all the daies of the seid' Iohn shold' be sure & *cetera*, eu*er*ych ther seales to others writyng' & *cetera*.

[1] At the dissolution, 1540, Wycrofte, 14 acres was valued at 1*s.* 4*d.* an acre: *Monast.* iv. 370.

[2] The Latin is: 'post primum fenum et secundum careatum'; which may mean 'after carrying-off the prime-math and the after-math,' taking *secundum* as adjective. If *secundum* is taken as a preposition, it would be 'after mowing the first hay-crop and after carting it.'

[624.] *A convencion I-made bitwene Emme Bluet, abbesse of Godestowe, and sir Iohn of seynt Gyle of Oxenford for iij. acris of arable lond with ther pertynentis in theire tilthe of wycrofte with a mansion busshis croftis and medis at wyke. * leaf 104, back. 1266, July 15.

Re-translation of no. 623.

THIS was the couenaunt I-made bytwene dame Emme Bluet, by þe grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one parte, and sir Iohn of seynt Gyle of Oxenford of the other parte, The thursday next afore the fest of seynt kenelme, the fyfty yere of the regne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, that is to sey, that the said abbesse and Couent yaf, graunted, and with this writyng of covenaunt confermed, to the said Iohn, iij. acris of his[1] arable lond, with ther pertynentis, in that tilthe of wycrofte, with a mansion, busshis, croftis, and medis, at the wyke, the which wyke his bele-siris fadir[2] somtyme held of the burgeys of Oxenford, as the same Iohn held hit of them somtyme: of the which acris, ij. lien in the out south side of theire seid tilthe, and the thirde acre a litell toward the north (ij. acris and an half liyng bitwene hit and the forsaid ij. acris): To be had and to be hold, al so longe as he lived, of them and ther successours, frely and quyetly in goodnesse and in pease, in weyes in pathes in medis in pasturis and in fysshweris and all other fredoms and customes, yeldyng therof yerely to the said mynchons and to ther successours al so longe as he lived ij. *shillings* of sterlyngis at Mighelmasse for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde, or ony maner help. And that the same Iohn shold have fre entryng and goyng-out with his owne bestis to be fed in ther medis nye liyng about his londe after the first heye and the second cariatum or cariyng. And the seid Emme Bluet and the Couent of Godestowe warantized aquyted and defended * all the forsaid londis, with all pertynentis and his fredomes afore-named, to the said Iohn al so longe as he lived ayenst all men and women. So that afor[3] the decesse of the said Iohn all the forsaid londe, with the mansion, busshis, croftis, medis, pasturis, fysshyng placis, and all other thyngis * leaf 105.

[1] 'his' underlined for correction. Read 'their.'
[2] In error for 'their predecessor' perhaps. See no. 623.
[3] Read 'after.'

longyng to the said lond, shold turne ayene holy in[to] the[r] owne vsis to the said mynchons and to ther successours, *with*-out ony agayn-seiyng or lette of ony man or of ony men. And that this writyng of covenant shold be stronge all the dayes of the forsaid John, they put to *þere* seles, & *cetera*.

1279. **[625.] A Charter bitwene the abbesse and Covent of Godestowe and Richard haueburge[1] for a mese in the parissh of seynt Gile.**

Grant by Godstow, to Richard of Hand-borough and his heirs of body, of a mes-suage,

THIS was the couenaunt I-made, bytwene Royse, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one *par*tie, and Richard Haveburge[1] of the other *par*te, that the said abbesse and couent, *with* one assent and good wille, lete and toke to fee-ferme to the said Richard that mese, *with* his *per*tynentis, that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of Wyotte Carpen*ter* and the lond of Adam Middelton in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of the said Abbesse and Couent and ther successours, to the said Richard and to his heiris of his body lawfully I-gote, frely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng *þer*of yerely to the forsaid abbesse and couent and to ther successours xiij. *shillings* iiij. d. at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse xl. d, at our*e* lady day in Marche xl. d., and at Mid-somer xl. d., and at Mighelmas *xl. d., for all seculer [seruice] and demaunde, savyng the sute of ij. Courtis: and the said abbesse and Couent and ther successours warantized aquyted and defended the said mese *with* his *per*tynentis, to the said Richard and to his heires of his body begoten, ayenst all men and women bothe cristen and Iewes for ever. So natheles that the said Richard and his heires shold susteyne the said mese *with* his *per*tynentis, *with* ther owne costis, in al so good state as they resceived hit or in bettir. And hit shold not be leful to the seid Richard, nother to his heires, to aliene ne yeve in ony wise the said mese, in all or in *par*te: and yf hit happe (that god forbede) that the said rent be not I-paid at the *ter*mes I-sette, or that the said mese be ruynowse so that the said rent myght not be levied of the said mese, than hit shold be lefull to the said abbesse and covent and to ther successours to resceive and

quit-rent, 13*s*. 4*d*.,

* leaf 105, back. and twice suit to court,

[Warranty against Jews.]

under covenants to repair, and not to sub-let.

[1] Read 'Haneburge.'

occupie in the ende of the yere into ther owne vsis and to entre the said' mese, *with*-out ony agayñ-saiyng of ony man or of ony men, bothe *par*ties renunsyng for them-self, and ther successours, or the[r] heires, to all excepcioñ, cauyllacioñ, and namelych to kyngis *pro*hibicioñ and remedy of the law by þe which the forsaid' instrument vndir fo*ur*me afore-writte myght lette. Into witnesse, & *cetera*, bothe *par*ties sette to this writyng ther seales, & *cetera* [1]. Power of re-entry.

[626.] *A couenaunt I-made bitwene Royse Oxhay abbesse of Godestow and Rob*er*t Mylton for a mese I-take to fee-ferme. * leaf 110. About 1280.

THE sentence of this covenaunte is, that there was a covenaunte I-made bitwene Royse Oxhay, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestow, and the couent of the same place, of the one *par*te, and Rob*er*t Mylton of the other *par*te, that is to sey, þat the said' abbesse and Covent toke and lete to fee-ferme to the said' Rob*er*t that mese, *with* all his *per*tyne*n*te*s*, that is I-sette bitwene the mese that was somtyme of adam of Middelton and the mese of William Crompe, in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', of the said' abbesse and couent and to ther successours, to the said' Rob*er*t and to the heires of his body lawfully begote, frely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to the said' abbesse and Covent and to ther successours xiij. *shillings* iiij. d'. at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse xl. d', at our lady day in marche xl. d', and at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist xl. d', and at Mighelmasse xl. d', for all *ser*uyce and seculer demaunde, savyng [2] ij. dayes Iourney in hervest, and in sute of ij. chief courtis. And the said abbesse and Couent warantized' aquyted' and, by the forsaid' rent, defended' the said' mese, *with* all his *per*tynentis, to the said' Rob*er*t and to his heires of his body lawfully begote ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewes. And the said' Rob*er*t and his heires shold' susteyne and vp-hold' the said' mese, *with* his *per*tynentis, *with* his owne costis, in al so good' a state as they resceived' hit

Grant by Godstow, to Robert Mylton, and heirs of body,

of a messuage,

quit-rent, 13*s.* 4*d.*, in addition to two days' work in harvest, and twice suit of court,

[Warranty against Jews.] under covenant to repair.

[1] Among the witnesses are Henry Owen, *maior*, and Ely le quilter and Philip de O, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas 1278. Also Walter Bost, then bailiff of Northgate hundred.

[2] In Latin: 'salvis duabus dietis in autumpno.'

or in bettir. And hit sholď not be lawfull to the saiď Robert to selle or assigne or in ony wise to aliene the saiď mese, in all or in parte. And yf hit happeď that the seiď rent were not I-paiď in the termes I-sette (that god for-bede), or that the seiď mese were ruynowse, by the whiche the saiď rent myght not be levyeď of the saiď mese, Than it sholď be lawfull to the saiď abbesse and Couent to entre the said mese, with his pertynentis, in the ende of the yere, and to ayene holď and occupie hit, without ony agayn̄-saiyng of ony man or of ony men. And to all these thyngis truly to be keped þe saiď Robert founde a borow, that is to sey, hugh of Mylton̄ his fadir, the which bounde hymself and graunteď for hym and his heires that, whan-so-euer the forsaiď rent was not fully I-paiď at the termes I-sette, hit sholď be lawfull to the forsaiď Abbesse and Covent to nyme and to distreyne in all his godis mevable, and vnmevable, euery where, for the saiď rent, tille * hit be fully satisfieď of the saiď rent, renuncyng in that doyng bothe parties for them and ther successours and heires all excepcion̄ cauellacion̄ and namely kyngis prohibicion̄ and all remedy of lawe by the which this present Instrument vndir fourme afore I-writte myght lette. Into witnesse & *cetera*, bothe parties put to ther seales to this present writyng I-made in-to the maner of a Charter, & *cetera*.

Powers of distraint and re-entry.

Security given, who also may be distrained upon.

* leaf 110, back.

About 1290.

[627.] *** A covenaunte bitwene Mabile Wafre, Abbesse of Godestow, and the covent of the same place of the one parte, and Richarď haueborough[1], Tanner, of the other parte, for viij. acris of arable londe in the feldě of Waltoń to the terme of the lyf of the forsaiď Richarď, yeldyng therof yerely iiij. shillings.**

Lease for life-term, by Godstow, to Richard of Handborough, of 8 acres,

The sentence of this charter is, that ther was a covenaunt I-made bitwene Mabile Wafre, abbesse of Godestowe, and the covent of the same place of the one parte, and Richarď haueborough[1], of the oþer, that is to sey, that the seiď Abbesse and Covent lete, graunteď, and toke[2] to ferme, to the forsaiď Richarď viij. acris of arable londe liyng in the feldis of Waltoń, the which hugh fitz hugh Reve somtyme heldě: To be haď and to be holď, to the forsaiď Richarď to the terme of his lyf, frely quyetly wele and in pease, with all there pertynentis, yeldyng therof

[1] Read 'Haneborough.'

[2] 'toke' = 'gave out.'

yerely to the forsaid' abbesse and couent iiij. *shillings* at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse xij. d', at oure lady day in marche xij. d', at Midsomer xij. d', at Mighelmas xij. d', for all seculer seruyce and demaunde. And the seid' Abbesse and couent and ther successours shold' warantize, by the forseid' rent, and defende, the said' viij. acris of arable lond', *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid' Richard' as longe as he lived' ayenst all mortall men. And for this letyng' & *cetera*, the forsaid' Richard' yaf to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent iij. mark, and j. half of sterlyngis afore-handis. Into witnesse of the which thyng', & *cetera*.

quit-rent, 6*d*. an acre.

Purchase-money, £2 6*s*. 8*d*.

[628.] * A-nother graunte by Alice Georges, abbesse of Godestowe, to Philipp*e* myxbury, Alice his wyf, and Iohane her doughtir, for a place with a stonyn walle and all other p*er*tynentis and easementis in the parissh of Seynt Gyle.

* leaf 103. About 1300.

The sentence of this charter is, that Alice Georges, by the grace of god' that tyme abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, *with* one assent and consent of all ther chapiter, yaf & *cetera*, for them and þere successours, to philip myxbury and to Alice his wyf and to Iohane ther doughtir, all that place *with* a stony walle and all his p*er*tynentis and easementis I-sette in the parissh of seynt gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford', bitwene the lond' of henry Peyntour of the north p*ar*te and the lond' of William Longe of the south p*ar*te: To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' philipp*e*, Alice his wyf, and Iohane ther doughtir, al so longe as they lived', or to one that lengest lived' of them, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease; So that they (þat is to sey, Philipp*e*, Alice and Iohane) shold' make to lefte-vp and to be bilded', *with* there owne costis, the houses or bildyngis in the forsaid' place in the whiche he myght more honestly be inhabite and dwelle and to ther more auauntage and p*ro*fite while or al so longe as they lived', *with*-out ony * distroiyng' or castyng-downe of housis; yeldyng' therof yerely to them and to ther successours vj. *shillings* viij. d' of siluer at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, principall and vsuell; and twyes by the yere, sute to ther courte of Walton'; and the seruyce of one man by one day in hervest, for all *ser*uice and seculer demaundes: e*uer*more I-saued' and reserued' or kepid', to them and to ther successours,

Lease for 3 lives, by Godstow, to Philip Myxbury, his wife, and daughter, of a walled site,

on condition that they build there a dwelling-house.

* leaf 103, back.

Quit-rent, 6*s*. 8*d*. yearly; suit to two Courts; one day's work in harvest.

Power of distraint reserved.

and to ther baillifis, full power to neme and to distreyne the forsaid tenement thurgh all goodes and catals for the forsaid rent and of other seruycis abouesaid [till it] were to them fully satisfied

[The custom of Oxford town.]

and also [1] for the failyng of the tyme (yf hit were nede) after the custome of Oxenford. And the forsaid Alice Georges and the Covent of the same place and ther successoures warantized aquyted and by the forsaid service defended all the forsaid place, *with* all the walles and all maner *per*tynentis afore-named, to the forsaid philippe, Alice, and to Iohane the doughtir of them, al so longe as they lived or to one of them lengest livyng, ayenst all men and women. Into witnesse of the which, euerith of the *par*ties put to ther seales to others writyng, *& cetera* [2].

* leaf 102. 1306, Dec. 25.

[629.] *A Charter of Moold Vptoñ for a tenement to the mynchons of, & *cetera*.

Lease for three lives, by Godstow, to William of Bokenhulle, his wife, and son, of a tenement,

THE sentence of this charter is, that moolde vptoñ, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, *with* one assent and consent of all ther chapiter, the cristmasse day, the yere of our lord a thousand thre C. and sixe, lete & *cetera* to William of Bokenhulle and to margery his wyf and to henry ther sone, one tenemente *with* the *per*tynentis I-sette in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the hundred *with*-out the north gate of Oxenford, bitwene the tenement of the forsaid William of the one *par*te and the tenement of Nicholas Rodeplonte of the other *par*te: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid William and Margery and henry, to all the *ter*me of theire lyf or to the other of them lengest livyng, frely quyetly wele and in pease, of them and of ther successours, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours vij. *shillings* iiij. d. at iiij. *com*mune and vsuall *ter*mes of the yere; and ij. sutis of ther courte by yere; and also ij. dayes to repe in hervest, for all other *sutes and demaundes. And the forsaid Moolde and her successours warantized acquyted and defended the forsaid tenement, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the for-

quit-rent, 7*s.* 4*d.*; two suits of court; and 2 days' reaping.

* leaf 102, back.

[1] In the Latin: 'ac etiam per lapsum temporis vendendi si necesse fuerit juxta consuetudinem ville Oxonie ad quattuor anni terminos principales et usuales.' This seems to mean that, if Godstow had to resume possession, the lessees would still be liable for the rent till the next usual time of letting, i.e. next quarter-day.

[2] Witnesses: John of Beverley, Henry le peyntour, Robert of Milton, Henry of Weston, Nicholas Rodeplont.

said' william and margerye and to henry, to all the lyf of them or to the other of them lyvyng lengest, ayenst all mortall peple, So that the forsaid' tenement, with the p*er*tynentis, after the decesses of the forsaid' William, Margerye, and henry, shold' go or turne ayene to them and to ther successours in al so good' a state or better than they resceyved' hit. Into the witnesse of the which & *cetera*, they sette there seales, euerych to others writyng'. The date at Godestowe the day & yere aboueseid'.

[630.] *An endenture of a yerde of lond', with the p*er*tynentis, I-made to Thomas Marchall of Oxenford' and to Cecilie his wyf, & *cetera*. * leaf 106. 1318.

THIS was the couenaunte I-made bitwene Margerye Dyne, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one p*ar*te, and Thomas Marchall of Oxenford' and Cecilye his wyf of the other p*ar*tie, that is to sey, that the forsaid' abbesse and Couent, w*ith* one assent, graunted' toke and lete to the forsaid' Thomas and Cecilie one yerde, of londe, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, in the subarbis of Oxenford': that is to sey, his[1] lond' bitwene the walle of the monkis of derham and the lond' that is I-called' the gores (except half an acre the which is of the Fermery), the which is mesured' to iiij. acris and an half; and his[1] lond' at Wodych beside the Galows al*ias* furcas, liyng' bitwene the lond' of Iohn Goldsmyth and the lond' that henry Brampton held', the which is I-mesured' to ix. acris and an half; Also beside the goldsmythes borow, v. acris not mesured'[2], liyng' beside the lond' of Iohn Goldsmyth, and butten hem-self vpon the lond' of the abbot of Oseneye of the west side; Also beside the grene diche, of the southe p*ar*te, ij. acris, liyng' bitwene the lond' of Iohn Goddyng'; Also iij. acris of lond' liyng' at the myle thorn; Also j. acre, liyng' beside the Elmes, beside the lond' of William Burcetur:

Twenty years' lease, by Godstow, to Thomas and Cecily Marchall, of a yardland, [= 25 acres]

partly near Durham College, = 4½ acres; [Godstow infirmary.]

partly beside the gallows, = 9½ acres;

and 5 acres,

and 2 acres,

and 3 acres,

and 1 acre;

To be had' and to be hold', to the same Thomas and Cecilie, to the t*er*me of xx. yere next folowyng' after the makyng' of this p*re*sent writyng', yeldyng' therof yerely to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent and ther successours by *x yere next folowyng' cu*er*y yere in the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist j. rose for all

* leaf 106, back.

[1] 'his,' i. e. their.

[2] i. e. acres, by estimation.

at first by rent of a rose at Mid-summer, afterwards of 16*s.* a year.

seruyce. And, aftir tho x. yere fully complete eu*er*y yere xvj. *shillings*, that is to sey, that one half at the fest of seynt Martyñ and the other half at the fest of the ascencioñ of oure lord. And yf the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie, or the other of them, faileden or failed in the paiyng of the forsaid rent at the forsaid *ter*mes to be paid (that god for-bede), hit shold be lefull, to the forsaid abbesse and couent and to ther successo*ur*s or to ther se*r*uantis, to distreyne in the said lond, by there plough bestis and all other catall I-founde in them, and to holde stille the distreynyng tille they be fully satisfyed of the arreragis of the rente aforsaid. And yf *per*aventure, or by case, the forsaid lond by malice or importunysse of the same Thomas or Cecilie or one of them be vntelyd by one yere, Than hit shold be lefull to the forsaid Abbesse and her successours to entre the same lond and to agayñ-hold for ever, w*ith*out re-claymyng or criyng-agayñ of the said Thomas and Cecilie, but hit be satisfied fully of all his rent w*ith*yn the yere folowyng. And yf hit happe bothe the same Thomas and Cecilie to dye w*ith*yn x. yere next folowyng, than the executours of the last decessyng of them shold have that lond vnto the forsaid x. yeres be completed, For the whiche the said Thomas paied beforehondis. And anon aftir the decese of the last of the said Thomas and Cecilie diyng aftir the *ter*me aforsaid of x. yere, or aftir the *ter*me aforsaid of the xx. yere yf they ou*er*-lived hit, the forsaid lond shold turne agayñ to the forsaid abbesse and to there successours fully, natheles savyng to them, or to ther executo*ur*s of the forsaid last diyng, the vesture of cornys growyng in the same lond in the decessyng aforsaid or in the ende of the *ter*me aforsaid. And the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie or the other of them shold have, duryng the *ter*me aforsaid, co*m*mune of pasture to ther bestis, as other negbores and tenauntis of the same abbesse were I-wonyd to haue in the subarbis aforsaid. And the forsaid abbesse and her successours warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid lond and co*m*mune w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie or to the other of them, all the forsaid tyme, ayenst all peple. To these writyngis endented, into witnesse bothe p*ar*ties put to, eu*er*ych to other, ther seales. The date at Godestowe, the xij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kynge Edwarde.

Power to distrain for rent, even on plough-beasts.

Power of re-entry, if the land is left untilled for a year, and so has no crop to be distrained on.

Provisions in case of death of the lessees,

and as to crops at end of the lease.

Rights of common pasture go with the land.

[631.] *A couenaunt bitwene Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, And Walter Weston̄ for a tenement that [was I-called] Margarete halle & *cetera*. * leaf 105, back. About 1325.

THE sentence of this covenaunte is, that there was a covenaunte I-made bitwene dame Margarete Dyne, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one *par*te, and Walter Weston̄ of the other, that is to sey, that the forsaid' abbesse and Covent graunted' and toke, for them and ther successours, to the forsaid' Walter, his heires, and his assignes, a tenement in the subarbis of Oxenford' in seynt Gylis strete, that somtyme was I-called' margarete halle, the which tenement stode bitwene the tenement that was of Nicholas Rudeplonte of the south̄ *par*te and the tenement that was of Richard' Osen̄ of the northe *par*te: To be had' and to be hold, with̄ all̄ his *per*tynentis and eysementis, of the forsaid' abbesse and couent and of ther successours, to the forsaid' Walter, to his heires, and to his assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease, to the terme of Lx. yere, the *ter*me begynnyng' in the morow of the Annunciacion̄ of oure lady in marche, the xix. yere of the reigne of kyng' Edward' the sone of kyng' Edward', yeldyng' *þer*of yerely to the abbesse of Godestowe aforsaid' and to ther successours iiij. *shillings* of siluer at ij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmas ij. *shillings* and at our lady day in marche ij. *shillings*; and to the house of the hospitall̄ of seynt Iohn̄ of Oxenford' eu*er*y yere xij. d'., for all̄ *ser*uyce *exaccion̄ and demaunde. And yf hit happe (that god for-bede) that the said' rent be not fully I-paid', in the *ter*mes I-ordeyned', to the forsaid' abbesse and couent and also to the house of seynt Iohn̄ of Oxenford' and to the[r] successours, but ben̄ behynde by an hole yere and iiij. dayes, fro that tyme hit shold' be lefull̄ to the said' abbesse and covent to entre the said' tenement in the ende of the yere and to resceive and occupie into their owne vsis, *with*out agayn̄-saiyng' of any man or of ony men. Also the forseid' abbesse and covent graunted', for them and ther successours, to the seid' Walter [to his] heires and to his assignes that [they] ben̄ nerr*er* than other in biyng' of the seid' tenement to[1] the ende of

Lease for 60 years by Godstow, to Walter Weston,

of 'Margaret hall' in S. Giles' Street.

Quit-rent to Godstow, 4*s*., and to St. John Baptist Hospital, 1*s*.

* leaf 106.

Right of re-entry, if rent is in arrears.

[1] 'to,' i. e. at.

the seid terme of lx. yere fully [1], but they be put away fro the said tenement because of the rent not I-paid (that god forbede hit), as hit is I-seid before, renuncyng of bothe parties for them and ther successours all excepcion cauellacion and namelich the kyngis prohibicion and the remedy of all lawe by the whiche this present Instrument vndir the forme afore I-writte myght lette. And [2] that this conuencion shold be sure, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the day and yere abouesaide, & *cetera*.

* leaf 104. 1330, Sept. 30.

[632.] * A Charter bitwene Margerye Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, and Iohn Cuddyng, tailour, for a mese with a curtilage for xl yere.

Forty years' lease, by Godstow, to John and Alice Cuddyng,

THE charter bitwene Margerye Dyne, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, of the one partie, and Iohn Cuddyng, Taillour of Oxenford, and Alice his wyf, hit was accorded into this maner: that the forsaid abbesse and Couent, with one consent and assent of ther chapiter, toke graunted and lete to the said Iohn and Alice, to the terme of xl. yere next folowyng after the makyng of this present writyng I-complete, a mese with a curtilage in the subarbis of Oxenford, in the strete and parissh of seynt Gyle, bitwene the tenement of the said abbesse and couent of bothe parties, the which mese in commune speche Middelton halle is I-called: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Iohn, Alice, and to ther heires or executours, duryng the terme of xl. yere aforseid, of the said abbesse covente and ther successours, yeldyng therof yerely to the said abbesse xiij. *shillings* iiij. d. of siluer at ij. termys of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. *shillings* viij. d. and at oure lady day in Marche vj. *shillings* viij. d., and to the abbot of Eynysham, xiiij. d. of siluer at the same termys by even porcions at all the forsaide terme, for all seruyce and seculer exaccion. And the forsaid abbesse and Couent and ther successours warantized and defended, by the forsaid rent, the mese with the Curtilage and ther pertynentis in euery place to the forsaid Iohn and Alice, his heires or executours, thurgh all

of Middelton Hall;

quit-rents 13*s.* 4*d.* to Godstow, and 1*s.* 2*d.* to Einsham abbey,

[1] The meaning is:— Godstow covenants to allow the present lessees to make first offer for the property when it is again to be let at the end of the 60 years, unless the lease has been forfeited by fault of these lessees. The Latin is: 'quod sint propinquiores aliis in emptione dicti tenementi ad finem dicti termini.'

[2] MS. has 'at.'

the said terme ayenst all mortall peple. And the forsaid Iohn and Alice, his heires and executours, shold, with ther owne costis, susteyne and hold vp the said mese, with the curtilage, in al so good a state, or better, as they resceived them, duryng the terme aforsaid, and amende and repaire or make-agayne defautis in the same competently whan nede were. And yf the said yerely rent be behynde in the forsaid termes by a yere and iiij. dayes (that god for-bede), hit shold be lawfull to the seid abbesse and Couent and to theire * successours to entre and to take ayene the said mese, with the Curtilage, and to hold hit ayene for euer into ther owne vsis, without ony agayn-saiyng or lette or with-holdyng of ony men. Also hit shold not be lawfull to the seid Iohn and Alice, her heires or executours, to aliene, selle, or lette the said mese with the curtilage in ony wise, but the forsaid abbesse and Couent and ther successours wold lete hem other-wise to do. And that the forsaid rent shold be truly I-paid in the termes I-ordeyned, the forsaid Iohn and Alice bounde them by an obligacion, her heires and executours, and all ther goodes mevable and vnmevable where they myght be founde, and principally his londis and tenementis in Oxenford-shire to whos-so-ever hondis they come, to the distreynyng and constreynyng of the said abbesse and Couent and of theire baillifis. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*, they put euerych to other ther seales to this present writyng endented. The date at Godestowe, in ther full chapitir, the sonday in the morow of Seynt Michell the archaungell, the iiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde.

under obligation to repair,

* leaf 104, back.

and prohibition to sell or let.

Powers of distraint.

[633.] *A couenaunte I-made bitwene Moolde Bewchampe and Thomas Brackele for x. *shillings* in the parissh of seynt gile of Oxon.

* leaf 110, back. 1339, June 24.

The sentence of this couenaunte is, that ther was a couenaunt I-made bitwene moolde Bewchampe, by the suffraunce of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one partie, and Thomas Brackele and Iulian his wyf and Anneys the doughtir of them, into this maner: that is to sey, that the seid abbesse and Couent toke graunted and lete to ferme to the seid Thomas Iulian and Anneys fro the fest of the natiuite of seynt Iohn baptist, the xiij. yere of the reigne of kyng

Twenty years' lease, by Godstow, to Thomas of Brackley, his wife, and daughter,

of a messuage,

Edward the third aftir the conquest, vnto the *terme* of xx. yere contynuelly folowyng and fully complete, a mese *with* a curtilage in the subarbis of Oxenford, I-sette in the parissh of seynt Gyle bitwene the tenement of Iohn Croxford of the one *parte* and the tenement of Roger bost * of the other *parte*: To be had and to be hold, *with* the *pertynentis*, to the forsaid Thomas Iulian and Anneys to the *terme* of xx. yere aforsaid, of the said Abbesse and Couent and ther successours, yeldyng therof x. *shillings* at iiij. vsuall *termys* of the yere, by even porcions, to the said abbesse and Couent, and to ther successours, at the *terme* aforsaid. Also that they shold paye yerely duryng the *terme* aforsaid xiiij. d. of sterlyngis to the *procuretour* of the chirch of seint Marie Magdaleyn. And the forsaid Thomas Iulian and Anneys shold susteyne the said mese *with* the Curtilage thurgh all the *terme* aforsaid, *with* ther owne costis, and amende and repaire competently the defautes in the same whan hit were nede, and leve them in al so good state as þei resceived them or better. And yf they bilded ony of new, or made, in þe said mese and curtilage, hit shold abide to the said abbesse and covent, and to ther successours, whan-so-euer they wold go away fro the seid ferme. And hit shold not be lawfull to the said Thomas Iulian and Anneys to lete the said mese *with* the curtilage to ony man *with*-in the *terme* aforsaid. And yf hit happened the said Thomas Iulian and Anneys to faile in the paiyng of the said rent at ony *terme*, in *parte* or in all, by one monthe folowyng (that god forbede), fro that *terme* hit shold be lawfull to the seid abbesse and couent, and to ther successours or assignes, to distreyne the said Thomas Iulian and Anneys þurgh all ther goodes, and to entre, take agayn, and to resceive for ever into ther owne hondis. And yf hit happened the said Thomas Iulian and Anneys to decese *with*yn the said *terme*, The forsaid mese *with* the Curtilage, anon aftir ther decese, shold turne fully to the seid abbesse and Couent. And the said abbesse and couent warantized and defended the said mese, *with* the Curtilage, and *with* all ther *pertynentes*, to the said Thomas Iulian and Anneys, or to one of them, duryng the *terme* aforsaid, in the *fourme* aforsaid. Into witnesse of the which thyng the forsaid *parties* put to ther seales to this *present* writyngis endented. The date at Godestowe, the day and yere abouesaid.

* leaf 111.

quit-rents, 10*s.* to Godstow,

and 14*d.* to St. Mary Magdalen Church, yearly.

Obligation to keep in repair.

Any additional building new put up to belong to Godstow at end of the lease.

Prohibition to sub-let.

Power to distrain or re-enter, if rent be in arrears.

Lease to terminate if lessees die before its expiry.

*** The parissh of the holy Crosse [1].** * leaf 140.

[634.] * A *lettre* of the *per*soñ of seynt Petir in the Est of Oxenford for the rep*ar*acioñ of his howsis in halywelle. * leaf 154. About 1210.

Demand, addressed to Godstow, by the rector of St. Peter's in the East,

THE sentence of this *lettre* is, that Iames *Ver*cellence, the popis sodekoñ [2], *per*soñ of Seynt Petir chirch in the Est of Oxenford, willed to be know to his welbeloued ladies Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, for-as-moche as ye ben hold to amende my housys in halywelle and to kepe them in the astate that ye resceived hem, *with* your*e* owne costis, I mervaile that ye take none hede to do hit, therfor I *pray* you hertly, and as I may I requyre yow, that ye make the houses as ye be bound to repaire and kepe, lest that I have a right cause or mat*er* to playne, knowyng that I have yeve full power to my most dere frende hubert of Confluence, clerk, of my lord Cardenall gener*al*, to ordeyñ of my forsaid chirch as he saw most expedyent, and to axe of yow the peyne, but that ye be aboute to amende that that is evel I-do by your necligence of my howses [3]. Farewele in our lord, and pray ye for me.

to have repairs done to the houses which Godstow held of his fee.

[635.] * A Charter of Petir fitz Iohn Pille of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for x. *shillings* of yerely rente, & *cetera*. * leaf 140. About 1250.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Peter Pille, of a rent-charge given by his mother Agas, to provide a

THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Iohn Pille of Oxoñ graunted & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, x. *shillings* of rente, the which his moder Agas yaf to them, in her wedowhode, to a pytaunce of the said mynchons in the day of his [4] annyu*er*sary, that is to sey, of the lond the which William Fyssher held in the *par*issh of the holy crosse beside the wat*er* of Charwelle, as the charter of

[1] At this period a chapel of St. Peter's in the East. Godstow property here came chiefly from Peter, son of Torald, about 1250 : no. 525; but no. 634 shows that Godstow had some property here forty years earlier.

[2] In the Latin copy : 'domini pape subdiaconus.' The 'sodekon' (subdeacon) of the English copy was expanded by Twyne to *sodekoner;* taken up by Wood from Twyne's notes; and so, from Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 388, is in a fair way of getting into dictionaries. Rev. H. E. Salter happily supplies identification and date :—*Iacobus* Guala, known as *Vercellensis* from his birth-place, cardinal-*deacon* of St. Mary in portieu, 12 April 1206; cardinal-priest of St. Martin, 31 May 1211. This is the cardinal who crowned Henry III, 28 October 1216; died at Rome, 1227. It is interesting to find a prince of the church in receipt of the revenues of an Oxford rectory, prior to John's surrender of his dominions to the Pope.

[3] See no. 636.

[4] 'his' for 'her,' as often.

pittance on her anniversary.

the forsaid Agas his moder, the which the forsaid mynchons have, witnessith. And that this his graunte shold be sure, & *cetera*[1].

* leaf 141. 1271.

[636.] * A sentence I-yeve bitwene the mynchons of Godestowe and Fowke, Cordewayner, of Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

Agreement between Godstow and their tenant Fowke,

HIT is to be mynded that, whan ther was a stryf I-meved, the Lv. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, bitwene the religious ladies abbesse[2] and Couente of Godestowe of the one *parte*, and Fowke, Cordewayner of Oxenford, of the other *parte*, afore the baillifes of sir Bonon of Clare[3], *person* of the chirch of the holy crosse of Oxenford, vpon a rente of viij. d, of the tenemente of the seid Fowke that he held of the said abbesse and couente[4], to be paid to the said *ser* Bonon and to his successours, the which tenemente lieth bitwene the house that was of Roger Strapitoft of the one *parte* and the tenement of the saide Fowke of the other *parte*, in halywelle: by comon frendes goyng bitwene, the stryfe cesed vndir this *fourme*, that

that, out of Fowke's rent of 4*s.* 4*d.*,

is to sey, that the same Fowke and his heires or his assignes shold paye to the forsaid religious ladies and to ther successours *euery* yere iiij. *shillings* iiij. d. of *siluer* at iiij. *termes* of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xiij. d, at Seynt Thomas the appostle fest xiij. d, at *oure* lady in marche xiij. d, and at the

Godstow shall pay the quit-rent of 8*d.* due to the rectory of St. Peter's in the East.

Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist xiij. d, for all *seruyce*, custome, exaccion and demaunde. And the said abbesse and Couente and ther successours shold kepe harmelesse the said Fowke and his heires or his assignes vpon the graunte of the said viij. d. of rente toward the said *person* and his successoures. Into witnesse, & *cetera*[5].

* leaf 140. About 1290.

[637.] * A Charter of Alice Georges abbesse of Godestowe I-made to Robert fitz Iohn kynge of halywelle and to molde his wyf and to moolde ther doughter for a Crofte of arable londe in halywelle parisshe.

* leaf 140, back.

*THE sentence of this charter is, that Alice Gorges, abbesse of Godestowe and the Covente of the same place, graunted & *cetera*,

[1] One witness is Reginald, parson of St. Michael's North, Oxford.

[2] 'Isold, then abbess,' in the Latin.

[3] Bogo de Clare, rector of St. Peter's in the East, died 1294. The rectory was a manor by itself, and held its court for its tenants.

[4] This 8*d.* quit-rent is half of that payable under the grant to Godstow by Peter, son of Torald: no. 525.

[5] One witness is Robert Maynard, vicar of St. Mary Magdalene, Oxford.

to Robert fitz Iohn kyng of halywelle and to molde his wyf and to molde ther doughter, al so longe as they lived, j. crofte of arable lond, I-sette in holy rode parissh of halywelle in the subarbes of Oxenford, bitwene the lond[1] of seynt Iohn beside the mylle of halywelle of the one parte and the strete that is I-called Benseual[2] of the other parte: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Robert and Mawde and Mawde ther doughter, al so longe as they lived, frely quyetly wele and in pese, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lorde of that fee dew seruyce and I-woned, and to them and to ther successours viij. d. of siluer, at iiij. pryncipall and vsuell termes of the yere, by even porcions. And the forsaid Alice Gorges and the Couente of the same place and ther successours warantized and defended the forsaid crofte to the fore-named Robert and to molde his wyf and to Molde ther doughter. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

Grant of lease for 3 lives, by Godstow, to Robert King, his wife and daughter, of a croft,

quit-rent, 8*d*. yearly.

[638.] A Charter of Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to William Osberston, for ij. places in the subarbes of Oxenford in the fredom of Halywelle, & *cetera*.

1332, March 25.

The sentence of this charter is, that Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, with one assent and consent, toke, graunted, and with ther writyng lete, to William Osberston of Oxenford, Barbour, ij. places in the subarbes of Oxenford in the fredom of halywelle, of the which one lieth bitwene the place of the scolers of Merton halle of the south parte and the place of maister Iohn Wyldelond of the north parte in brede and hit buttith hit-self in the wey that goth towarde Halywelle, and another place lieth in benesual[2], bitwene a water the which is I-called Charwelle of the Est parte and a place of William Scot of the west parte, [the[3]] which place was I-woned to be somtyme of ser Philipp kyng, prest: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, of them and

Lease by Godstow, to William Osberston, barber,

of land next Merton College property,

and of land near the Charwell, perhaps no. 637;

[1] In the Latin: 'terram Sancti Iohannis iuxta molendinum,' probably land of St. John Baptist's Hospital.

[2] Benseual strete = the eastern prolongation of Holywell Street, now enclosed in Magdalen College Grove; Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 387. The letters are doubtful between *n* and *u* in both places. The reading 'Beuseual' is possible in the Latin copy.

[3] MS. 'by.'

ther successours aforsaid, to the forsaid William, his heires, or his assignes, fro the day of the makyng of this present writyng vnto the terme of xl. yere next folowyng and fully I-complete, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours vj. d. at ij. termes of the yere, þat is to sey, at Mighelmasse iij. d and at the Annunciacion of oure lady iij. d, And doyng to the chief lord of that fee seruyce therof dew and I-wonyd of right. And yf hit happe that the forsaid rente of vj. d. were behynd (that god for-bede), at ony terme assigned, then hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couent, and to ther successours aforsaid, to distreyne the forsaid William and his heires thurgh all ther catell, where-so-euer they were I-founde. And the said abbesse and Couent and theire successours warantized the forsaid ij. places, with all there pertynentis, to the forsaid William and to his heires and his assignes, to the terme of xl. yere aforesaid, ayenst all mortall peple. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the fest of the Annunciacion of our lady, the v. yere of þe reigne of kyng Edwarde the thirde after the conquest.

quit-rent, 6*d*. yearly.

* leaf 141.

* The parissh of eynt Iohn.

* leaf 141, back. About 1185.

[639.] * A Charter of philippe priour of Seynt Frideswith I-made to Waryn Millere for a certayne londe in fee and heritage, & *cetera*.

Grant to Waryn miller, by St. Frideswide's priory, of land in St. John (now Merton) Street (see no. 530).

THE sentence of this Charter[1] is, that Philippe[2], priour of seynt Frideswith, and the Couente of the same place, graunted & *cetera*, to Waryne myller, into fee and heritage, to hym and to his heires, ther lond the which is in seynt Iohn strete bitwene the lond the which Alberte herte held and the lond that William Waterman held: To be I-hold of them, frely quyetly and worshipfully, yeldyng to them therof euery yere ij. *shillings* at ij. termes, that is to sey, xij. d at our lady day in marche and xij. d at Mighelmasse, for all seruyce. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Waryn yaf to them ij. *shillings*. And that this theire graunte, & *cetera*.

[1] Wigram, *Cartulary of St. Frideswide*, i. 392. [2] Philip occurs prior 1180–8.

***The parisshe of oure lady Seynt Mary.** * leaf 111.

[1. Robert Bukthorpe's bequest.]

[640.] ***A charter of Iohn fitz Raaf of seynt Martyn I-made to maister Robert Bukthorpe for that londe that is of the * fee of Seynt Marye chirche in Oxenford.** * leaf 117, back. About 1188. *leaf 118.

Sale to Robert Bukthorpe, by John son of Ralph of St. Martin and his wife,

The sentence of this charter is that Iohn fitz Raaf of seynt Martyn graunted to maister Robert Bukthorpe and to his heires, of hym and his heires, into fe and heritage, that lond that is of the fee of seynt mary chirch, the whiche is of the one parte beside the lond of Iohn [and] Benet the sones of Ailnod and of the oþer parte beside the lond of Iordan Cariour [1], with the encresyng of that parte liyng to sydelich in the endis, the which he had of the behalf of Gounylde his wyf, the which the same graunted to maister Robert with the commune heire [2], as the endes ben distyncte or departed bitwene them, yeldyng therof euery yere ij. shillings, that is to sey, xij. d. in þe fest of seynt martyn, and xij. d. at whitsontyde. And for this graunt he yaf to hym and to Gonylde his wyf and to peter ther son iiij. mark of siluer. And he and his heires warantized that lond to hym and to his heires. And yf peraventure he myght not warantize, he and his heires shold yelde to the forsaid maister Robert or to his heires iiij. mark. And lambart fitz Thory made hym-self borow of these thynge. Thise beyng witnesse [3], & *cetera*.

of said wife's land, held of the rectory of St. Mary's, to be held by quit-rent of 2*s*.

Purchase-money, £2 13*s*. 4*d*.

[641.] ***A Charter of maister Iohn Brideporte, person of seynt mary chirch of Oxenford, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe the lond and bildyngis that maister Robert Bridporte [4] bequethed to the forsaid mynchons in the forsaid parissh of Oxenford.** * leaf 117, back. About 1189.

Confirmation to Godstow,

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that maister Iohn Bridporte, person of seynt mary chirch of Oxenford, for goddis

[1] In the Latin is: 'Iordani verrarii.'

[2] i. e. John's wife Gunnild and her sister, as co-heiresses, made the grant. The Latin is: 'quam eadem praedicto magistro Roberto cum communi herede concessit.'

[3] The witnesses include Roger, archdeacon of Winchester; John, 'pistor' of the archdeacon of Winchester; Adam, chaplain of St. Michael's church; Roger, illuminator.

[4] Read 'Bukthorpe.' The copyist of the English Register has confused the name of the donor with that of the assenting rector. The Latin Register has 'Bukthorpe.'

by John Bridport, rector of St. Mary's, as feudal superior, of no. 640, bequeathed by Robert Bukthorpe, subject to 2*s.* quit-rent to St. Mary's Church.

sake graunted, in the presence of the worshipfull fadir, *Hugh*[1], bisshop of lyncolne, and confermed *with* his charter, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, the lond and bildyngis in Oxenford the which maister Robert Bridporte bequethed in his testament to the forsaid mynchons: To be hold for euer, of seynt mary chirche, vndir a pension of ij. *shillings* to be paid in the natiuite of oure lady[2]. This lond is I-sette beside seynt mary chirche in Oxenford. And that this graunte, & *cetera*. This charter was I-made in the presence of sir Philippe[3], priour of Frideswyth, and afore the chapiter of Oxenford, in the forsaid seynt mary chirch, the thirde day after the dedicacion of the same chirche, & *cetera*[4].

* leaf 114, back. About 1189.

[642.] * A Charter of maister Iohn Brideporte, person of seynt mary chirch of Oxenford, for his londe and bildyngis in Oxenforde.

Confirmation to Godstow, by the diocesan, of the rector of St. Mary's confirmation, as in no. 641. subject to 2*s.* quit-rent to St. Mary's Church.

The sentence of this charter is, that hugh, by the grace of god bisshop of lyncolne, willed to be know that maister Iohn Bridporte, person of Seynt Mary chirch of Oxenford, graunted in his presence, and confermed *with* his charter & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, his lond and bildyngis in Oxenford, the whiche ben beside seynt Mary chirche, the which maister Robert Brikthorpe bequethed in his testament to the forsaid mynchons: To be hold for euer of the forsaid seynt mary chirch, vndir a pension of ij. *shillings* to be paid in the natiuite of oure lady. And, that þat was I-do in his presence myght be more sure, he confermed hit *with* his sele, & *cetera*[5].

[1] Hugh (of Avalon), bishop 1186–1200.
[2] Nativity of Mary = Sept. 8.
[3] Philip occurs prior 1180–8. Among the witnesses is Hamo, dean of Lincoln, 1189–95.
[4] See note at no. 663.
[5] The witnesses are fewer than those to no. 641, but Roger, archdeacon of Leicester; Jeffrey of Lechlade, canon of Lincoln; Richard of Swaleclive, are witnesses to both deeds.

[2. Land of John of St. Martin.]

[643.] *A Charter of Iohn fitz Raaf of seynt Martyn I-made to the myn*chons of Godestowe for his londe and Tofte.

* leaf 154.
* leaf 154, back.
About 1200.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn fitz Raaf of seynt Martyn, with the consent of Peter his heire and of his other heires and of Gonnylde his wyf, graunted, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, into fee and heritage, his lond that lieth bitwene the lond that the forsaid chirch held of the fee of our lady[1] and his yerd: To be hold of hym and his heires, fre and quyete fro all seruyce, yeldyng to hym and to his heires of the forsaid lond, yerely vj. d. at Mighelmasse. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the ofte said chirch yaf to hym and to Petir his heire and to Gonnylde his wyf ij. marke of siluer, and he relesed iiij. mark, the which he owed to the forsaid chirch. And for-asmoche as the same Iohn and Petir his heire wold that this graunte and yifte shold be sure for euer, & *cetera*.

Sale to Godstow, by John son of Ralph of St. Martin, of land.

Quit-rent, 6*d*.

Purchase-money, £1 6*s*. 8*d*. + £2 13*s*. 4*d*., i. e. £4.

[3. House of William the spicer.]

[644.] *A Charter of William Especer confermyng to god & *cetera* and to *the mynchons of Godestowe an howse, with all his pertynentis, in seynt marye parissh in the towne of Oxenford.

* leaf 113, back.
* leaf 114.
1260.

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Especer yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther servyng god, into pure and perpetuell almesse, for the helthe of his sowle and for the helthe of alle the sowles of his auncetours and successours, an howse[2] with all his pertynentis in the towne of Oxenford, that is to sey, in seynt marye parissh, the which he bought of maister Martyn Wyncetur, the which is I-sette bitwene the house of the abbot of Oseneye of the one parte and the howse of Agas of Oxenford of the other parte, beside the chircheyerde of the seid seynt mary chirche, the

Grant to Godstow, by William the spicer,

of a house,

[1] i. e. the land given by Bukthorpe: see nos. 641 and 663.

[2] See no. 661.

to provide clothing for the nuns: subject to 4*s.* quit-rent to Oseney.

which, *with* all his *per*tynentis, he assigned to the vesture and clothyng specially of the forsaid monchons, yeldyng therof yerely to the abbot of Oseney iiij. *shillings* at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse xij. d, at Cristmas xij. d, at oure lady day in marche xij. d, and at Midsomer xij. d, for all seculer demaundes that myght be asked or chalenged of the seid howses *with* all ther *per*tynentis, And the forsaid William and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid howse, *with* all his *per*tynentis, to the forsaid monchons and to ther successours, ayenst all mortall peple, by the forsaid seruyce, as hit is seid before, for eu*er*. And that this his yifte shold be sure, & *cetera* [1].

1260. **[645.] A Charter of the abbot of Oseney for iiij. *shillings* of yerely rent of the howse of maister martyn of Wynchestre in seynt mary *par*issh.**

Grant to Godstow, on petition of Ela, Countess of Warwick, of the rent-charge over no. 644,

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard, by the mercy of god abbot of Oseneye, and the Covent of the same place, for them and ther successo*ur*s, at the instaunce of the noble dame Ele, Countesse of Warwyke, ther most especiall lady, yaf & *cetera* to god & *cetera* and to dame Emme abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent of the same place, a yerely rent of iiij. *shillings*, the which they were I-wonyd to take of the mese that was somtyme of maist*er* martyn of wynchestre in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford that is I-sette even ayenst the said chirch of the north *par*te, and what-so-eu*er* thynge myght falle by chaunce of the said mese to them or to ther successours by ony right for eu*er*. And they and ther successours warantized the forsaid rent to the seid chirch, abbesse, and Couent, ayenst all cristen men. And that this ther yifte, & *cetera* [2].

with its contingent rights.

[1] Witnesses include Adam Feteplace, *maior*, and Jeffrey de Hengse, *ballivus*, of Oxford, who began office at Michaelmas, 1259.

[2] Witnesses include Adam Feteplace, *maior*, and Jeffrey de Hengseye and Jeffrey Goldsmith, *ballivi*, who took office probably at Michaelmas, 1260. These Godstow documents show the occasional faultiness of the lists of mayors and bailiffs in Wood's *City of Oxford*, iii. 10, occasioned possibly by Brian Twyne or Anthony Wood assuming that the two names which came next after the mayor's name in a deed were those of the bailiffs, although it was not so stated.

[4. House in Cat Street.]

[Note.—We learn from pope Celestine III's confirmation (no. 902) that this house was acquired from Roger son of Sewyn, before 1192. The tradition of Cat Street, as the quarter of trades connected with books, is carried on by its east side being now occupied by the Codrington Library of All Souls College and its west side by the Radcliffe Camera of the Bodleian.]

[646.] * A covenaunt I-made bitwene Royse, abbesse of Godestowe, and Symond̄ Balle of Oxenford̄, parchementmaker, for a mese in Cattestrete in seynt mary parissh of Oxenforde. * leaf 115. About 1279.

Grant by Godstow, to Simon Ball, and heirs, of Cat Street messuage;

THE sentence of this evidence is, that there was a covenaunte I-made bitwene Royse, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one *par*te, and Symond̄ Balle, *par*chemyntmaker, of the other, *þat* is to sey, that the forsaid̄ abbesse and Covent toke and lete to ferme a mese *with* the *per*tynentis in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford̄ in Cattestrete, the which mese is I-sette bitwene the lond̄ of Symond̄ Byder of the one *par*te and the house of Thomas Balle of the other *par*te: To be had̄ and to be hold̄, to the seyd̄ Symond̄ and to Mould̄ his wyf and to ther heires al so longe as they lived̄, *with* all̄ his *per*tynentis and esementis, of them and ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldynḡ therof yerely to them and to ther successours xxx. *shillings* of yerely rent at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vij. *shillings* vj. d̄, at Cristmas vij. *shillings* vj. d̄, at seynt marye day in marche vij. *shillings* vj. d̄, and at Midsomer vij. *shillings* vj. d̄, for alle seculer *ser*uyce, exaccion, and demaunde; So natheles that the sayde Symond̄ and his wyf and his heires shold̄ susteyne the said̄ mese *with* the *per*tynentis in all̄ and eu*er*y thynḡ, *with* ther owne costis, in al so good̄ a state or better than thei resceived̄ hit. And that hit shold̄ not be lefull̄ to the forsaid̄ Symon and mould̄ his wyf, nother to ther heir*es*, to selle, aliene, or assigne the seid̄ mese, in all̄ other in *par*te, in ony wyse. And yf hit happened̄ (that god forbede), that the said̄ rent be not fully I-paid̄ by yere to them and to ther successours in the *ter*mys I-ordeyned̄, or that hit were ruynowse, or like to falle downe, by the which the said̄ rent myght not be levied̄ of the seid̄ tenem*ent*, Than hit shold̄ be lawfull̄ to the seid̄ abbesse and couent to entre the said̄ mese in the ende of the yere, and to resceive hit into ther*e* owne

quit-rent, £1 10*s*.

Obligation to repair.

vsis and to occupie hit, *with*out ony agayn̄-saiyng of ony man or of ony women, renunsyng or forsakyng of bothe *par*ties for them and ther successours all excepcion̄, cauellacion̄, and namely
* leaf 115, back. kynges * prohibicion̄ and all remedy of lawe by the which this *present* Instrument, vndir the fourme afore I-writte, myght be lette. And þat þis covenaunt, & *cetera*[1].

* leaf 114. 1315, Aug. 3.

[647.] * A quyte-clayme I-made of William, Parchement maker, of̄ Oxenforde, for a tenement in Catte strete in Oxenford.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by William Ball, of all title in no. 646.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that William Balle, *par*chement maker, of Oxenford, vttirly relesed and quyte-claymed for eu*er*, to moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couent of þe same place, all his right and clayme þat he had, or myght have in tyme to come, in a tenement, in Cattestrete, in the towne of Oxenford, that felle to hym in the name of
* leaf 114, back. heritage, So that nother he, nor * his heires, ne none in ther name, shold have power to axe, or in ony wise chalenge, ony right or clayme after-ward in that tenement. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the sonday next after the fest of seynt
[Peter ad vincula = Aug. 1.] Petir that is I-called ad vincla, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 115, back. 1315.

[648.] * Another couenaunte I-made bitwene Moolde abbesse of Godestowe and the Covent of the same place and Stephyn̄ Bromy-yerde of Abendon, & *cetera*.

Grant by Godstow to Stephen Bromy-yerd and heirs of body, of the Cat Street messuage (no. 646).

The sentence of this is, that moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of that one *par*te, and Stephyn̄ Bromyyerd of Abendon̄ of that other *par*te, that is to sey: that the forsaid abbesse toke and lete to ferme j. mese, *with* the *per*tynentis, in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford, to the said Stephyn̄ and his wyf and to his heires that come owte of hym, al so longe as they lived, the * which mese is I-sette
* leaf 116.

[1] Witnesses include Nicholas of Kyngeston, *maior*; Nicholas of Coleshull and John Sowy, *ballivi*. Also William 'ligator' (bookbinder) de Katestrete and Simon 'ligator de Katestrete.'

in the strete of Cattestrete of the said parissh, bitwene the house of Thomas Pyrye of the one parte and the tenement of the hospitall of seynt Iohn of Oxenford of the other parte: To be had and to be hold & *cetera*, for xxx. *shillings* of yerely rent, at iiij. vsid termes of the yere, for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde, savyng foreyn accion & *cetera*: and hit shold be lefull to them to distreyn the said tenement fro day to day, and to hold stille the thyngis I-distreyned, tille hit were I-satisfied in all thyngis, or to entre and to haue the agayn-holdyng of the seid tenement in the name of a fre tenement, *with*out ony mannys agayn-saiyng, and so forth euery word as hit is I-writte above in the two couenauntis afore I-writte, & *cetera*[1].

Quit-rent, £1 10*s*.

Power of distraint.

[5. The house of the Southam family.]

[649.] *A Charter of Petir fitz Geffrey to Robert Sowtham for that lond at the corner, with all the bildyng aboue, in seynt mary parissh.

*leaf 117. About 1225.

The sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Geffrey and Alice his wyf and henry ther son graunted, lete, and delyuered, to Robert Sowtham all ther lond at the corner[2], *with* all the bildyngis aboue, and *with* his pertynentis, in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford, to hym and to his heires: To be had and to be hold, of them and ther heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly fully and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther heires *xx *shillings* for all seruyce and exaccion, that is to sey, at Cristmasse v. *shillings*, at oure lady day in marche v. *shillings*, at Midsomer v. *shillings*, and at Mighelmasse v. *shillings*. And they and there heires warantizid the forsaid lond to the forsaid Robert and to his heires ayenst all peple, men and women. And for this ther graunte & *cetera*, the forsaid Robert yaf to them xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warison. Into surenesse of the same euerych of hem sette to ther seales, & *cetera*[3].

Sale to Robert Southam, by Peter son of Jeffrey, of a corner site,

*leaf 117, back. subject to 20*s*. quit-rent.

Purchase-money, 20*s*.

[1] Witnesses include William de Burcestre, *maior*, Richard Cari and John de Bisschopiston, *ballivi*, who took office Michaelmas, 1314.

[2] Apparently of High Street and Schidyerd (now Oriel) Street: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 138.

[3] Witnesses include Warin miller, Laurence Halegod.

* leaf 111, back. 1271.

[650.] * A Charter of Thomas Sowtham I-made to Alice the doughter of hugh kyng of littelmore for an halle with a soler above and ij. seldis & *cetera* in Seynt Mary parisshe.

Grant to Alice his wife, by Thomas Southam, of life-rent in the buildings of no. 649.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas dewyd and[1] Alice, the doughter of hugh kyng of littelmore, his wyf, the day that he wedded her, at the chirche dore, of the halle with the soler aboue, with ij. seldis toward the grete strete, with a litell soler in the forsaid halle, and with a Celer vndir the grete soler toward the strete that is I-called Shidyard, and with an howse in the courte couered with straw, the whiche halle is I-sette of the Est parte of the mese that Arnulphe Taillour of londō toke with Anneys Riche his wyf, in the parissh of oure lady seynt Mary in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, with the pertynentis, to the said Alice into her fre dowery al so longe as she lyved. Into witnesse of the whiche thynge, & *cetera*[2].

* leaf 112, back. 1289.

[651.] * A graunte and confermyng of Iohn Westoñ and Isowde his wyf I-made to Alice Sowtham that she myght feffe dame Mabile abbesse of Godestowe in all her tenement.

Licence in mortmain, by John Weston, as feudal superior, empowering Alice Southam to convey no. 650 to Godstow, but reserving the rent-charge (as in no. 649).

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Westoñ and Isowde his wyf, for charite, graunted, al so moche as in hem was, for them and ther heires, that Alice the doughtir and heire of Thomas Sowtham myght feffe dame Mabile, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the covent of the same, place of all that tenement, with the pertynentis, that is I-sette bytwene ther tenement and the kyngis strete that is I-called Shidebarde in the parissh of seynt Mary of Oxenford, savyng to them and to there heires xx. *shillings* yerely of the forsaid tenement at the iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse v. *shillings*, at oure lady day in march v. *shillings*, at Midsomer v. *shillings*, at Mighelmasse v. *shillings*; And the forsaid Iohn and Isowde shold not greve the forsaid abbesse and covent

[1] Omit 'and'; 'dewyd' = dowered. The Latin is: 'Ego Thomas de Shuham doctavi [in error for dotavi] Aliciam ad hostium ecclesie.'

[2] Among the witnesses are Nicholas Kingston, *maior*, and John Culvert and Ely le quilter, *balliri*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1270.

in no wyse by reson and cause of the feffyng of the forsaid tenement. And yf hit happened them to falle in ony wise ayenst ther forsaid graunte, they bounden them-selue to pay x. mark of sterlyngis into subsidie of the holy londe. Into the witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*[1].

Warranty to amount of £6 13*s.* 4*d.* [Subsidy of the Holy Land.]

[For the licence in mortmain by Edward I, see no. 537.]

[652.] *A Charter of Alice the doughter of Thomas Sowtham of Oxenford I-made to the chirche of Godestowe for a tenement in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford.

* leaf 111, back. 1291.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Alice, þe doughter of Thomas Sowtham, yaf & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serve for euer, all her tenement that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of Iohn Westoñ and þe strete that is I-called Shidward in the parissh of seynt mary of Oxenford, with all the right and clayme that she had or myght have because of heritage or of dowery of Alice her modir: To be had * and to be hold, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, of her and her heires or her assignes, wele and in pease, frely quyetly and holy for ever, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordis of that fee seruyce therof dew and I-wonyd, for all seruyce seculer, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Alice and her heires or assignes warantized ayenst all men and women and defended for euer all the forsaid tenement, with all right and clayme, as hit is aforsaid, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours or to ther assignes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to her a corodye of j. mynchon for euer in the abbey of Godestowe. And & *cetera*[2].

Grant to Godstow, by Alice Southam,

* leaf 112. of the house in no. 649, 650,

in return for a corrody of the nun-class.

[653.] A charter of Richard Sowtham quyte-claymyng to the Abbesse and Covent of Godestowe for the tenement that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham.

1301, Oct. 10.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Richard Sowtham graunted, remytted, and vttirly quyte-claymed, for hym and his

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Richard

[1] Witnesses include William le Espycer, *maior*, and Thomas de Sowy and Andrew de Pyrie, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1288.

[2] Among the witnesses are John de O, *maior*, and Robert of Wormenhall and William of Wottesdon, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who entered on office at Michaelmas, 1290.

Southam, donor's uncle, of all title in no. 652.

heires for ever, to the Religious women, abbesse and holy mynchons of the monastery of Godestowe, all the right and clayme that he euer had, or in ony wise myght have, in all that tenement that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham his brother in Oxenford, with all his pertynentis ouer all, as in howsis mesis shoppis and rentis and all other eysementis and rightis longyng in ony wise to the forsaid tenement, as in the charter of feffement that Alise somtyme the doughtir and heire somtyme of the forsaide Thomas in her lawfull power made therof to the forsaid Religious women more better and frelyer shewith and witnessith, So that nother Richard, nother his heires, ne no man for hym or by hym, myght afterward, ne wold, axe or clayme ony right or clayme in the forsaid tenement, with his pertynentis, as in housis mesis shoppis and rentis and other esementis and rightis in ony wise longyng to the forsaid tenement, as hit is I-seid before. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the x. day of Octobre, the xxix. yere of the reigne of kynge Edward the sone of kynge henry.

* leaf 117, back. 1301, Oct. 10.

[654.] * A Charter of Richard Sowtham quyteclaymyng for hym and his heiris for ever to the religious women of Godestowe all the right and clayme that he had in all that tenement of Thomas Sowtham somtyme his Brother, & *cetera*.

Duplicate of no. 653.

THE sentence of this quyteclayme is, that Richard Sowtham graunted, remytted, and vtterly quyteclaymed, for hym and his heires for ever, to the religious women, abbesse and holy mynchons of Godestowe, all the right and clayme that he had *euer*, or in ony wise myght have, in all that tenement that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham his brother, in Oxenford, *with* all his *per*tynentis ou*er* all, as in howsis mesis shoppis and rentis and all other eisementis and rightis longyng in ony wise to þe forsaid tenement, as hit shewith and witnessith in the charter of the feffement the which somtyme Alice his wyf[1] doughter and heire somtyme of the forsaid Thomas, in her lawfull power, made therof to the forsaid religious women best and most frely: So

[1] Omit 'his wyf.' The Latin runs: 'which Alice, daughter of said Thomas, in her own power, gave to Godstow.'

nathelesse that nother he, nother his heires, nother none for hym or by hym, shold not, nor wold not, afterward axe or clayme ony right or clayme in the forsaid tenement, *with* his *per*tynentis, as in howsys mesis shoppis rentis and other eisementis and rightis in ony maner wise longyng to the forsaid tenement, as hit is aforesaid. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the x. day of Octobre, in the xxix. yere of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry.

[655.] *A-nother covenaunte bitwene Alice Gorges, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Symond Bradeway and luce his wyf, for a place with the entryng, in seynt mary parissh of Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

* leaf 116, back. 130¾, Febr. 24.

Life-rent by Godstow, to Simon Bradeway, of premises as in no. 652,

THE sentence of this covenaunt is, that Alice Gorges, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, graunted and toke to Symond [of[1]] Brade-way and to luce his wyf, j. place, *with* the entryng, [in Schidȝerde], the which is in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford, bitwene ther tenement of the one *par*te and the tenement of Iohn Weston of the o*per par*te, in the hye strete beside shideyerd: To be had and to be hold, *with* all his *per*tynentis and eysementis, to the forsaid Symond and Margery his wyf, to the *ter*me of ther lyf, or of the one of them the which ou*er*-liveth, frely quyetly wele and in pease: So nathelesse that the forsaid Symond and luce, or the one of them that ou*er*liveth, shold lifte vp and make a chamber of stonys in the same place, of the sowthe *par*te, *with* ther owne costis, *with*-in the yere of this *pre*sent resceivyng, conteynyng in length xiiij. fote and in brede x. fote *with*yn the walles, other lenger or broder as hit semyth hym best; also *with* the reparacion of a stony welle[2] and the clensyng, in the same place, *with*out destroiyng of the same chambre or movynge away to be do in ony wise. And yf hit happened that the forsaid Symond and luce did not leuy or aroise and made the forsaid chambre nor clense the welle, *with*-in the yere, as hit is I-said before, hit shold be lawfull to them to entre agayn the forsaid place *with* the entryng, by ther baillifis, and to holde hit agayn as ther owne fre tenement, *with*out lettyng or agayn-

under covenant to erect a building of stone,

and repair a well,

new building to be left at end of lease.

[1] Added from the Latin.

[2] Latin: 'fontis lapidei.'

saiyng of the forsaid Symond and luce, yeldyng therof yerely to
Rent, 2s. 8d. them and to ther successours ij. *shillings* viij. d. at iiij. vsuall
termes of the yere. Natheles, sauyng power, to them and to
Powers of distraint. ther successours, to distreyne in the forsaid tenement for the
forsaid rent yf hit were nede, and to hold hit agayn at ther
owne wille, tille hit were satisfied to them of the forsaid rent.
And the forsaid, Alice Gorges and the Couent of the same place
and ther successours warantized aquyted and defended all the
forsaid place, *with* the forsaid stony walle and the said entryng,
with all his *pertynentis* and eysementis, to the forsaid Symond
and luce to the *terme* of ther lyf, as hit is I-said afore, ayenst
all peple. Into witnes, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the
[Matthias = Febr. 24.] day of seynt mathie the appostle, the xxxij. yere of the reigne
of kynge Edwarde.

* leaf 116. 1323, Aug. 1.

[656.] * A charter of a place in the parissh of our lady seynt marye of Oxenford, I-made to Raaf Sewkeworth, Iohane his wyf, and vnto Iohn his sonne, & *cetera*.

Lease for 3 lives by Godstow, to Ralph of Sewkeworth, his wife and son, of premises as in no. 655,

The sentence of this *charter* is, that margerye Dyne, by the
grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same
place, *with* one consent and assent of ther chapi*ter*, yaf & *cetera*
to Raaf Sewkeworth, herbare, of Oxenford, Iohane his wyf, and
to Iohn ther *sone*, j. place liyng in seynt mary parissh of Oxen-
ford, *with* the entryng longyng to the same, bitwene ther tene-
ment of the Est *parte* and the tenement of Isowde the which
was the wyf of Iohn Weston of the west *parte*: To be had and
to be hold, to the seid Raaf Iohane and Iohn, al so longe as they
lived, or [to] the one of them [that longest] lived, of them and ther
quit-rent, 6s. 8d. successours, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours
vj. *shillings* viij. d, at iiij. pryncipall and vsuall *termes*, for all
seculer *seruyce*, exaccion, and demaund. And so forth, word
by word, as hit is I-writte in the couenaunt next aboue, *with* the warantizyng aquytyng and defendyng, for the which
he yaf a certayn *summe* of money afore-handis, & *cetera*.

[Peter ad vincula = Aug. 1.] The date at Godestowe, the monday in the fest of seynt Petir
that is I-called Ad vincla, the yere of our lord a M¹.ccc.xxiij.

[6. Rent-charge over the house of the Southams.]

[657.] * A Charter of Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf of xx. *shillings* of yerely rent to sir Odo, Chapelayn of Godestowe. * leaf 112. About 129⅞.

Sale to Odo, chaplain, by John Weston, of the rent-charge as in no. 649 and no. 651, with the contingent rights carried by it.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf yaf, & *cetera*, to sir Odo, I-called Chapeleyn of Godestowe, xx. *shillings* of yerely rent of all that tenement that is I-sette bitwene ther houses of the west parte and the strete that is I-called Shideward of the Est parte, in the parissh of the chirche of seynt mary of Oxenford, Also *with* all the right and clayme that myght happe to them or to ther heiris of all the forsaid tenement: To be had and to be hold, *with* all other pertynentis, of them and ther heires or ther assignes, to the said Odo and his heires or his assignes, bothe religious and other, frely, quyetly, pesibly, and holy, for ever. And the said Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf, and his heires or assignes, warantized ayenst all *men and women, and aquyted, and defended for euer, the forsaid xx. *shillings* of yerely rent, *with* all other pertynentis, as hit is aforsaid, to the forsaid Odo, his heires, or his assignes, Religious and other. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said Odo yaf to them xx. marks of sterlyngis aforehandis. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[1].

* leaf 112, back.

Purchase-money, £13 6*s.* 8*d.*

[658.] A charter obligatory bitwene Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf and Odo, Chapeleyn of Godestowe, for xx. *shillings* of yerely rent of the house that was somtyme of Thomas Sowtham in seynt Mary parisshe of Oxenford. 129⅞, March 21.

Grant to Odo, chaplain, by John Weston, of security for giving him possession of the rent-charge as in no. 657.

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Iohn Weston and Isowde his wyf yaf & *cetera* to Odo, Chapeleyn of Godestowe, and to his heires or his assignes all, xx. *shillings* of yerely rent, of a tenement in the parissh of seynt Mary of Oxenford comyng, the which tenement Thomas Sowtham held somtyme in the same parissh, as the charter of the said Odo the which he had of them therof fully conteyneth; willyng, to the same Odo and to his

[1] Witnesses as in no. 652.

heires or to his assignes all, to make more surete of the forsaid xx. *shillings* of yerely [rent] comyng forth of the forsaid tenement, bonde all ther tenementis in the parissh of the holy crosse in the subarbis of Oxenford, to the same Odo and to his heires or to his assignes all, to the warantizyng of the said xx. *shillings* of yerely rent, the which tenement he had of the yifte of Emme that was the wyf of henry myller; Also *with* all ther tenement in the parissh of seynt myghell the sowth, vpon graunte pownte[1], the which tenement they had of the yifte of Alice the which was the wyf of Roger Webbe, tille that a fynall concorde were fully levyed bitwene them and the said Odo and his heires or his
* leaf 113. assignes all, in the kyngis * Courte, of the forsaid xx. *shillings* of yerely rent, of the forsaid tenement comyng forthe, in the parissh of oure lady seynt mary in Oxenford, and delyuered to the said Odo and his heires or his assignes alle, to the which fyne trewly to be levied they were I-constreyned by the trouthe. And whan the fynall concorde was I-levied fully or plenarly, in the kyngis courte, bitwene them and the said Odo and his heires or his assignes all, this present obligacion shold be had for naught. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford, the Friday next afore the Annunciacioun of our lady, the xix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward[2].

[For the licence in Mortmain by Edward I, see no. 537.]

1294, Nov. 11.

[659.] A Charter of lore hakynton, prioresse of the chirche of Godestowe, I-made to dame Mabyle Wafre, Abbesse of Godestowe, for xx. *shillings* of yerely rente in Oxenforde.

Sale by Godstow, to Mabel Wafre, abbess, of the rent-charge in no. 657,

The sentence of this charter is, that lore hakynton, prioresse of the Chirche of godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, graunted, by the assent of all the chapiter, and *with* this present writyng confermed, to dame Mabyle Wafre, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe aforesaid, xx. *shillings* of siluer of yerely rent comyng forth in Oxenford of a tenement somtyme I-called

[1] Grandpont in ancient times meant the whole causeway from the *old* South Gate of Oxford to South Hincksey hill. The part of it on which houses then stood is now that part of St. Aldate's Street which extends from the south-west corner of Christ Church to Folly Bridge.

[2] The Latin copy has 'the son of kyng Henry,' which is correct.

of Thomas Sowtham, I-bought somtyme * *with* xx. mark, *with* owne *per*quysitis and getyngis of the above-seid abbesse, to her nede and *pro*fite, And hit is I-sette beside Shideyerde, bitwene the tenement of Iohn Weston of the one *par*te and Shideyerde of the other: To be take, all and eu*ery* yere, to the pytaunce of the Couent, in the Anniu*ersa*ry day of the forsaid dame Mabile ther abbesse, of them and also of all ther successours for ever. Into witnesse of the which thynge, they accorded their *com*mune seale to be put to this *pre*sent lettres. The date at Godestowe, the yere of our lord a thousand ij. hundred and nyntee and foure, in the Fest of Seynt Martyn in Wynter.

* leaf 113, back. purchase-money, £13 16*s.* 8*d.*,

to endow a pittance on her anniversary.

[660.] Another char*ter* ordeynyng the forsaid rent to be disposed.

1297, Oct. 28.

The sentence of this char*ter* is, that Sustir Alice Gorges, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the same place, ordeyned and graunted to dame Mabyle Wafre, late Abbesse of the same place, j. place of lond in the towne of Oxenford, in the strete that is I-called shideyerde, to howsis to be made of new *with* ther owne costis, which place was somtyme of Alice Sowtham, and lieth bitwene ther tenementis the which somtyme were of the forsaid Alice Sowtham of bothe *par*ties, And the forsaid place conteynyth in length thre perchis and ij. in brede:

In place of the rent-charge given in no. 659, Godstow now granted to Mabel Wafre, for her life-term, houses to be new-built on part of the site,

so (that is to sey) that there shold be paid j. mark of siluer, First and pryncipally, of the rent of the forsaid howsis, at the fest of seynt Margarete the virgyne, in the forsaid place, by the forsaid dame Mabyle, I-made to the forsaid Couent, eu*ery* yere, afore that ony thynge of the for-said rent shold be turned into other vsis, *with*out lessenyng; And the residue of the rent that she myght take shold abide hole to dame Mabile to all her lyf of hit, to be disposed after her wille;

from the rent of which 13*s.* 4*d.* was to be paid every year for the better observance of St. Margaret's day (July 20);

And after the dethe of the forsaid dame Mabile, all the residue of the for-said rent (that mark of siluer first I-deduced or I-take out, to be paid to the Covent at the fest of seynt Margarete the virgyn) shold be paid fully to the Covent aforsaid in her anniu*ersa*ry day, as hit is aforesaid. And that the fest of seynt Margarete myght be the more solempnye*re* and the more devoutly be halowed and honoured, dame lore, prioresse of the

after dame Mabel's death the annual surplus of the rent should be spent for her anniversary, as in no. 659.

Laura Hakynton, prioress of Godstow, gave £6 13*s*. 4*d* as a contribution to the new building.

same place, yaf x. mark, a convenyent porcion, to the forsaid housis to be made, for the forsaid mark, more diligently to be I-yeve to the Covent at the forsaid fest. And that this ordeynyng and ther grauntyng shold have strength for euer, and surenesse, for them and ther successours, So that they, nother their successours, ne none for them or by them, shold not have power to dispose or ordeyne ony thynge ayenst this ordeynyng or grauntyng, they put to this present writyng ther commune seale. The date at Godestowe, the monday next afore the fest of Alhalowen, The xxv. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde.

[7. Leases by Godstow of house [1] facing St. Mary's church from the north.]

* leaf 115, back. About 1279.

[661.] * A covenaunt I-made bitwene Royse, abbesse of Godestowe, and Iohn Stanys, bynder, of Oxenford, for a mese that he toke to ferme in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford.

Grant by Godstow, to John Stanes, book-binder, of a messuage,

The sentence of this is, that ther was a conuencion I-made bitwene Royse, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the same place of the one parte, and Iohn Stanys, bynder, of Oxenford, of the other: that is to sey, that the forsaid abbesse and covent toke to ferme and remytted one mese, with the pertynentis, in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford, in the next strete to the chirch of our lady in the north parte, the which mese is I-sette bitwene the abbot of Oseneys howse the which was I-called somtyme the halle [2] of pylate of the one parte and the house of William Bretham of the other parte: To be had and to be hold, to the seid Iohn and to Moolde his wyf and to his heires lawfully begote of their bodies, with all his pertynentis and eysementis, of them and ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours viij. *shillings* of yerely rent at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings*, at Cristmasse ij. *shillings*, at oure

quit-rent, 8*s*.

[1] William the spicer's, as in no. 644, William Bretham now holding (by 3*s*. quit-rent to Oseney) the next house (to the east), formerly Agatha's of Oxon. This house of Godstow was long an academical hall, and Wood (*City of Oxford*, i. 99) conjecturally names it Godstow Hall.

[2] John Pilet's hall (had one front towards Schools Lane: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 91). This is the abbot of Oseney's house of no. 644.

lady day in marche ij. *shillings*, and at Midsomer ij. *shillings*, for all seculere *ser*uyce, exaccion̄, and demaunde: So natheles that the forsaid' Iohn and his wyf and his heires lawfully I-begote of ther bodies [the[1] said messuage], *with* alle his *per*tynentis in all and in euerych[2], (And they) shold' susteyne (the seid' mese), *with* ther owne costis, in al so good' state or bett*er* than they resceived' hit. And hit shold' not be lawfull to the said' Iohn and moolde his wyf, nother to ther heires lawfully I-be-gote of ther bodies, to selle, aliene, or assigne the said' mese, nother in all nother in *par*te. And yf hit happened', that god forbede, that the said' rent were not fully I-paid' to them by yere (and to ther successours) in tymys I-sette, or that hit were ruynowse or fallyng' downe, by the which the said' rent myght not be levyed' of the said' tenement, hit shold' be lawfull to the said' abbesse and Couent to entre the said' mese in the ende of the yere, and to take hit into ther owne vsys, and to occupie hit, *with*out ony agayn̄-saiyng' of ony man or woman, & *cetera*.

Obligation to repair.

Prohibition to sub-let.

Power of re-entry.

[662.] * Another covenaunte bitwene moold', abbesse of Godestow, and the Couent of the same place, and William Pothoun and margery his wyf, the which had' the kepyng' of Iohane the doughtir of Alice Stanes, *with* a mese and the *per*tynentis in seynt mary parissh of Oxenford'.

* leaf 116. 1307, Sept. 29.

THE which mese is I-sette even ayenst[3] the chanell of seynt mary chirche-yerde in the north *par*te: To be had' and to be hold', *with* the *per*tynentis, vnto the full age of the forsaid' Iohane or to the *ter*me of x. yere, yeldyng' therof by yere to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent viij. *shillings* of yerely rent at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings*, at Cristmasse ij. *shillings*, at our lady day in marche ij. *shillings*, and at mydsomer ij. *shillings*, for all seruyce, exaccion̄, and demaunde: So þat þe forsaid' william and margerye shold'* fynde the forsaid' Iohane resonable susteynyng', and shold' hold' vp the same mese *with* ther owne costis in al so good' state or better than they resceived' hit. And forthe hit folowith, worde by

Lease by Godstow, to William Pothoun, of the messuage as in no. 661,

* leaf 116, back. with guardianship of Joan Stanes.

[1] Added from the Latin.

[2] The translator has lost his place. Omit 'And they,' and 'the seid mese.'

[3] The Latin is: 'ex opposito stanulle cimiterii.'

worde, as in other covenauntis afore I-writte. And for this letyng and takyng the said william and margery paid before handis vj. *shillings* viij. d. Into witnesse & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the day of seynt Michell, the first yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the son of kynge Edward[1].

[8. Lease of a garden-ground west of St. Mary's church.]

1369, Sept. 14.

[663.] An endenture bitwene Anneys, abbesse of Godestowe, and Nicholas Garlond for a gardeyn in seynt marye parissh of Oxenford.

* leaf 117. Lease for 3 lives, by Godstow, to Nicholas Garlond and others, of a garden,

* This endenture that was I-made bitwene Anneys, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place of the one *parte*, and Nicholas Garlond, Iulian his wyf, and henry Bilborough, of the other *parte*, witnesseth that the forsaid abbesse and Couent, *with* one assent and consent, graunted lete and toke to the forsaid Nicholas, Iulian, and henry, a gardeyn in seynt marye parissh of Oxenford, I-sette bitwene the tenement of the abbot and Couent of Oseney of the north *parte* and west, and the tenement of the hospitall of seynt Iohn of the sowthe *parte*, and seynt mary chirch-yerd aforsaid of the Est *parte*: to be had and to be hold, *with* fre entryng and goyng out by a dore beside the forsaid tenement of the hospitall of seynt Iohn, *with* all other *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Nicholas Iulian and henry, to the *terme* of ther lyf and of one of them lengest livyng, of the chief lordis of that fee by service dew therof and I-wonyd of right, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaid abbesse and Couent and to ther successours or to ther *pro*curatour vj. *shillings* viij. d at iiij. principall and vsuall *termes* in even porcions. And yf the forsaid rent were behynd, in *parte* or in all, after ony *terme* by a monthe, than hit shold be wele lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couent, and to ther successours, or to ther *pro*curatour, to distreyne in all the tenement of the forsaid Nicholas Iulian and henry, and to reteyne the distreynyngis, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to them of the rent so behynde. And the forsaid Nicholas Iulian and henry shold susteyne amende and repaire alle and euerych walles and closyngis rounde aboute the gardeyn aforsaid longyng to the forsaid abbesse and Couent, duryng ther

quit-rent, 6*s.* 8*d.*,

under obligation to repair the fences,

[1] Among witnesses are Thomas le lumenour, William le Bokbindere.

lyf or of ony of them, al so ofte as hit were nede, *with* ther owne costis, as hit is put before. And hit shold' not be lawfull to the seid' Nicholas Iulian and henry, no*per* to none of them, to graunte or to lete to ony man or ony men the forsaid' gardeyn̄, *with* the *per*tynentis, ne none *par*te of hit, to ferme, or to the *ter*me of ther yeres durynḡ ther lyf or of one of them, *with*-out speciall wille of the forsaid' abbesse and Couent and the successours of the same. And the forsaid' abbesse and Couent and ther successours warantiẓed' aquyted' and defended' the forsaid' gardyn̄, *with* fre entrynḡ and goynḡ owt, and *with* all other *per*tynentis, in the fo*ur*me aboue I-noted', to the forsaid' Nicholas Iulian and henry, to the *ter*me of ther lyf, or of one of them lengest livynḡ, ayenst all peple, by this *pre*sent writyngis. These beynḡ witnesse & *cetera*. The date at Oxenford', in the fest of the Exaltacioun of the holy crosse, the xliij. yere of the reigne of kynḡ Edward' the third' af*ter* þe conquest.

and covenant not to sub-let.

[Exaltation of Cross, Sept. 14.]

[Note.—This deed is of some interest, as showing the existence in the very heart of Oxford of vacant ground extensive enough to be taken on long lease for purposes of a garden. This suggests that in the fourteenth and earlier centuries Oxford was by no means so densely housed as our seventeenth century antiquaries have assumed. The ground in question is the Bukthorpe land, as in no. 640, increased by fitz Raaf's, no. 643. It was bounded on the south by the house of *Iordanus rerrarius*, which belonged to St. John Baptist's Hospital, and is represented by the Principal of Brasenose's new house: on the north by the tenement of John and Benet which was owned by Oseney, and called Little St. Edmund's Hall (Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 85).]

* The parissh of marye magdaleyn̄. * leaf 123.

[1. Rent-charges on a house *in vico de Bellomonte*.]

[664.] A Charter of henry fitz Roger Milon̄ I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. marke of yerely rente. About 1250.

* The sentence of this char*ter* is, that henry, fitz Roger Mylon̄ of Oxenford', yaf & *cetera*, to the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, one marke of rent of siluer yerely to be resceiued' by his handis and his heires, at ij. *ter*mes of the yere, of one mese, *with* the *per*tynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond' of hugh mortone[1] of the one *par*te and the lond' of Roger fitz Milone of the other

* leaf 123, back. Sale to Godstow, by Henry son of Roger son of Milo, of a rent-

[1] Probably a slip for 'Meriton.'

charge of 13*s.* 4*d.*

parte, in marie mawdeleyñ parissh, *with*oute Smythgate, in Bewmounte strete[1], that is to sey, at the fest of Alhalewyñ half a marke, and at hokeday[2] half a marke: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires for eu*er*, frely quyetly holy wele and

quit-rent, ½*d.*

in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. ob*olus* at Ester for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde: he graunted also to the seid abbesse and mynchons fre power to distreyne hym and his heires by the same tenement and his other tenementis in the towne and subarbis of Oxenford to the paiyng of

Purchase-money, £5 6*s.* 8*d.*

the said marke, yf hit were nede. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said abbesse yaf to hym viij. marke of siluer and an half in warison. And the forsaid henry and his heires warantized the forsaid marke (and[3] j. half) to the forsaid abbesse and Couent and to ther successours ayenst all men and women. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

About 1280.

[665.] A quyte-clayme of Roger Somere I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe for xviij. d. of yerely rente.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Roger Semer,

of a rent-charge of 1*s.* 6*d.*, apparently over same messuage as no. 664.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Roger Somer[4] relesed, and quyte-claymed, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther *ser*uyng god, for hym and his heires or his assignes, all the right and clayme that he had, or myght have, in xviij. d. of yerely rente, *with* the *per*tynen*tes*, of j. house, the whiche is I-sette bitwene the lond that was of hugh meryton of the one *parte* and the lond that was of Roger Mylone of the other *parte*, in Magdaleyñ parissh, *with*out the Smythgate, in Bewmounte strete: To be had and to be holde, *with* his bildyngis and all his other *per*tynentis, to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for ever: So that nother he, nother his heires, or his assignes, never afterward shold have power to axe ony right or clayme in the forsaid xviij. d. of yerely rente, of the forsaid mese, with his *per*tynentis. And for-asmoche that he willed this his quyte-claymyng, & *cetera*[5].

[1] Now Park Street, in front of Wadham College.

[2] Hockday is second Tuesday after Easter.

[3] Omit 'and j. half.' The Latin is: 'predictam marcam redditus argenti.'

[4] 'Semer,' in the Latin copy.

[5] One witness is 'William, vicar of Duninton (i. e. Dinton), then custos of Godestowe.'

[2. Properties acquired from the Saucer family, on the north side of the modern Broad Street.]

[666.] ***A Charter of henry fitz Geffrey of Brackeley I-made to William fitz Gerard for a selde in Oxenford with-oute the north yate in the strete that is I-called horsemongerstrete.** * leaf 125. About 1240.

* The sentence of this charter is, that henry fitz Geffrey of Brackley yaf & *cetera* to William fitz Gerard one selde of Oxenford *without* the north gate, in the strete that is I-called horsemongerstrete, I-sette bitwene the tyled house of Isabell the heire[1] nozensi and the ovyn of the same Isabell, that is to sey, whos dore is opened to the hye weye: To be had and to be holde, to hym and his heires or his assignes, into pure and perpetuel almesse, yeldyng therof yerely to Adam Payne xij. d. for all seculer seruyce, exaccion, and querele, and demaunde, and help, at these termes, that is to sey, at the Annunciacion of our lady vj. d. and in the fest of myghelmasse vj. d. And he and his successours warantized the forsaid tenement to the said William and to his successours, the forsaid selde, *with* the pertynentis. And for this yifte the said William shold paie to hym or to his assignes yerely a paire of gloves at Cristmasse, & *cetera*. * leaf 125, back. Grant to William son of Gerard, by Henry of Brackley, of a seld, quit-rents, 1*s*. to the chief lord, a pair of gloves to the mesne lord.

[667.] ***A charter of William fitz Gerard and of Henry fitz Geffrey of Brakley *I-made to Geffrey Turton for a selde of vij. elnys [and j. half] and iiij. vnchis in lengthe and v. elnys and j. quarter and ij. Inchis in brede.** * leaf 124, back. * leaf 125. About 1240.

The sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Gerard and henry fitz Geffrey of Brakley yaf & *cetera* to Geffrey Turton a selde of vij. elnys and half and iiij. Inchis[2] in lengthe, and v. elnys and a quarter and ij. Inchis[2] in brede, I-sette vndir a soler that was somtyme of henry Griffyn, that is to sey, that selde that lieth bitwene the lond of Walter Florence of the one parte, in the parissh of marye magdaleyn *without* the north yate Sale to Jeffrey Turton, by William son of Gerard, &c., of a seld, 28½ feet × 20 feet,

[1] The translator has dropped 'of Walter' here. The Latin is: 'domum tegulatam Hysabel heredis Walteri norensi et furnum.'

[2] 'Thumbs' in the Latin: p. 435, note 1.

in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to hym and to his heires or his assignes, frely and quyetly, holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to william hallemulle or to his heires or assignes j. d. at Cristmasse, for all seruyce seculer, and demaunde, Savyng the rente of the chief lord, that is to sey xij. d at ij. *termes* of the yere, that is to sey, at seynt marye day in marche vj. d and at Mighelmasse vj. d. And the forsaid william and the forsaide henry and his heires or assignes warantized the said selde, with the *pertynentis*, to the forsaid Geffrey and his heires or assignes ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Geffrey yaf to them xxiiij. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warison. And that ther yifte, & *cetera*.

subject to quit-rents, *id.* to the mesne lord, *1s.* to the chief lord.

Purchase-money, £1 4*s*.

* leaf 125. About 1260.

[668.] * A Charter of Richard Budde I-made to William Sauser for vj. *shillings* of yerely rente.

Sale to William sauser, by Richard Budde, of a rent-charge of 6*s*.

The sentence of this charter is, that Richard Budde yaf & *cetera* to William Sauser vj. *shillings* of yerely rente, to be take, at iiij. *termes* of the yere, of that lond, *with* alle his *pertynentis*, that lieth bitwene the lond that was of Symon fitz Benet and the lond of William Scrip of the other *parte*, in marye mawdeleyn parissh *without* the north yate in the subarbis of Oxenford, that is to sey, at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist xviij. d, and at Mighelmasse xviij. d, and at Cristmasse xviij. d, and at our lady day in marche xviij. d: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to hym and to his heires, or to whom-so-euer he wolde yeve bequeth selle or assigne hit, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one clowe-gelofre at Estir for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde. And the said Richard and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended the said vj. *shillings* of rente of all the said lond, *with* the *pertynentis*, to the said William and his heires and his assignes ayenst all men and women, bothe cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said William yaf to hym xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis in warison. And by case hit happen that the said rent be not I-paid in *termes* I-ordeyned, the said William and his heires or his assignes shold have fre entryng

Quit-rent, a clove.

[Warranty against Jews.]

Purchase-money, £2.

and goyng out to distreyne in all the said londe, *with* the *per*tynentis, tille they had resceived ther rente. And [that] this his yift, & *cetera*.

[669.] *A Charter of hugh fitz Rob*ert* of merston and Denyse his wyf I-made to mathew fitz Andrew of Wolgarecote for a mese in horsemongerstrete in seynt marye mawdeleyn parisshe. * leaf 124, back. About 1230.

THE sentence of this charter is, that hugh fitz Rob*ert* of merston, *with* the consent and assent of Denyse his wyf, lete and delyuered, and *with* his char*ter* confermed, to Mathew fitz Andrew of Wolgarecote a mese in horsemongerstrete, that is to sey, bitwene the lond of Symon Reer [1] of the one *par*te and the lond of Roger Waterman of the other *par*te: to be holde and to be had, of them and ther heires, to hym and to his heires, frely quyetly worshipfully and holy, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires, for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde, vj. d, that is to sey, at seynt martyn fest. And the forsaid hugh and his heires warantizyed and defended the forsaid mese to the forsaid Mathew and his heires ayenst all men and women. And for this letyng, delyu*er*yng, confermyng, warantizyng, and defendyng, the forsaid mathew yaf to hym x. *shillings* beforehandes. And yf by chaunce hit happened that hugh or his wyf or his heires myght not warantize and defende in ony cawse the forsaid mese to the forsaid Mathew and to his heires, Hugh and his heires shold make an eschaunge (to þe said Mathew or to his heires) of the said mese, in the towne of *mer*ston, of the londe longyng to hym there, to the valew of the said mese, aft*er* the estymacion of good men. And that all thise aforsaid thynges, & *cetera*.

Sale to Hugh of Marston, by Matthew of Wolvercote, of a messuage, quit-rent, 6*d*. Purchase-money, 10*s*. Warranty clause.

[670.] A Charter of henry fitz Raaf of Farendon and of Pernell and Denyse the doughtirs of Iohn Dien confermyng into fre mariage *with* Denyse ther nyce to hugh Cindatori a mese in horsemongerstrete of Oxenforde. About 1250.

THE sentence of this char*ter* is, that henry fitz Raaf of Farendon, and Pernell and denyse, the doughters of Iohn Dien [2], Grant to Hugh Cindatori, by

[1] Probably a slip for 'wheler': see no. 670.

[2] 'Dreu' in the Latin.

Henry of Faringdon and others, of a messuage (no. 669), as 'free marriage,' and entailed, subject to a quit-rent to St. Mary Magdalene Church.

yaf, & *cetera*, into free mariage, *with* Denyse ther nece, to hugh Cyndatori, a mese in horsemongerstrete, that is to sey, that mese that lieth bitwene þe mese of Symon Wheler and Roger Waterman : To be had and to be hold, of them and ther heires, to hym and to his heires the which [he] had I-gote of the said denyse, frely quyetly pesibly and *with*-out ony exaccion, yeldyng therof yerely to the chirche of seynt marie mawdeleyn iiij. d. at the fest of seynt martyn, and j. d. to the forsaid henry and perneⁿ and denyse or to ther heires, for all seruyce and seculer demaunde. And they aforsaid and ther heires warantiȝed the said mese to the said hugh, and to his heires I-begote of the said denyse, ayenst alle men and women. And for-asmoch as they wold that this yifte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 123, back. About 1270.

[671.] A Charter of Raaf Godeknave I-made to Geffrey Sawser for a mese with his partynentis, & *cetera*.

Sale to Jeffrey sauser, by Ralph Godeknave,

of a messuage,

quit-rents, 1*d.* to the * leaf 124. mesne lord, and 6*s.* 8*d.* to Godstow, the chief lord.

Purchase-money, £2 13*s.* 4*d.*

The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Godeknave yaf & *cetera* to Geffrey Sauser a mese *with* the pertynentis, that is to sey, þat mese that lieth bitwene the lond that was of william holond and the londe of henry fitȝ wydon of the other parte, in seynt marie mawdeleyn parissh *with*out the northe yate in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, of hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, frely and quyetly, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes j. d. at Ester for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde, Savynge * the chief rente of the lord of that fee, that is to sey, to the abbesse of Godestowe at Cristmasse iij. *shillings* iiij. d. and at Midsomer iij. *shillings* iiij. d. And Raaf and his heires warantiȝed the forsaid mese, *with* his pertynentis, to the seid Geffrey and to his heires or to his assignes ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the seid Geffrey yaf to hym iiij. markȝ of sterlyngis in-to warison. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 126. About 1280.

[672.] *A Charter of Geffrey Sauser I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe for iij. seldis vndir the soler of Roger Sauser, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Jeffrey

The sentence of this charter is, that Geffrey Sauser, & *cetera*, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Gode-

stowe, iij. seldes vndir a soler of Roger Sauser, the which lye bitwene the londe that was of Geffrey Sturdy of the one *parte* and the entryng of the house of Roger Sauser of the other *parte*, in seynt marye mawdeleyn parissh *with*out the north yate in the subarbis of Oxenford; Also *with* vj. *shillings* of yerely rente, to be take, at iiij. pryncipall *termes* of the yere, of the yifte[1] of * Richard Bodde, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, the whiche lieth bitwene the house of henry Gamage of the one *parte* and the house that was of Symon fitz Benet of þe other *parte*, in the same parissh: To be had and to be hold, to the said mynchons and to ther successours, into pure and *per*petuell almesse for ever, frely and quyetly, holy wele and in pease, of the said Geffrey and his heires or his assignes. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

sauser, of 3 selds (probably including nos. 666, and 667), and of the rent-charge in no. 668.

* leaf 126, back.

[3. Land acquired from Randall of Brill.]

[673.] * A charter of Ranulph Bruhull I-made to the abbesse of Godestowe for a londe *with* the pertynentis in seynt marye magdaleyn parissh of Oxenforde in horsemongerstrete[2].

* leaf 124. About 1260.

The sentence of this charter is, that Ranulphe Bruhull yaf, & *cetera*, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couent of the same place, all that londe, *with* all the *per*tynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond of henry Carpenter of the one *parte* and the lond of William Smale of the other *parte*, in seynt marie mawdaleyn parissh *with*oute the northe gate, in horsemongerstrete: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said abbesse and Couent of the same place for euer, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. ob*olus* at Ester, for all seruyce, custome, and demaunde, Savyng the seruyce of the chief lord of that fee, that is to sey, iiij. d at Martyn masse. And the forsaid Ranulph and his heires or his assignes warantized and defended all the forsaid lond, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid abbesse of Godestowe and to þe covent of the same place, ayenst all men and

Sale to Godstow, by Randall of Brill, of land,

quit-rents, ½*d.* to the mesne lord, 4*d.* to the chief lord.

[1] In error for 'house.' The translator has mis-read the Latin 'de domo' as 'de dono.'
[2] Now Broad Street.

Purchase-money, £3 6*s.* 8*d.*

women, cristen and Iewes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' abbesse and Couent yaf to hym v. marke of sterlyngis afore-handes. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

[4. Rent-charge acquired from William of Brackley.]

About 1290.

[674.] * **A quyte-clayme of William Brakley and Alice his wyf for xij. d' of yerely rente of a Celer in horsemongerstrete in the subarbis of Oxenforde.**

Sale to Godstow, by William of Brackley, of a quit-rent of 1*s.*

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that William Brakley and Alice his wyf, *with* one consente and ther owne good' wille, lette, graunted', and vttirly quyte-claymed', for them and ther heires, to Mable Wafre, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Covent of the same place and to ther successours, all the right and clayme that they had', or in ony wise myght have, in xij. d'. of yerely rente, the which they were wonyd' to resceive for that Celer that is I-sette in horsemongerstrete, bitwene the entryng' of Iohn Enysham of the west *par*te and the lond' of Walter Feteplace of the Est *par*te, in the subarbis of Oxenford': To be had' and to be holde, the said' xij. d'. of yerely rente, to the forsaid' abbesse and Couent and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease for ever: So that nother they (William and Alice), nother none of there heires, nother none by them or for them, myght further axe ony right or clayme in the said' xij. d'. of yerely rente. And for þis * letyng', graunte, and quyte-clayme, the said' abbesse and Couent yaf to them ij. marke of sterlyngis before-handes. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 124, back. Purchase-money, £1 6*s.* 8*d.*

[5. Alienation of Godstow land in St. Mary Magdalene parish.]

* leaf 125, back. About 1290.

[675.] * **A Charter of Mabile abbesse of Godestowe I-made to god and to oure lady and to seynt Cutberte and to the priour and covent of Dureham for a certayñ londe arable in Bewmounte fro a certeyñ diche thurte over in Bewmounte.**

Sale by Godstow,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Mabile, abbesse of Godestowe, and the couent of the same place, *with* one assent

and consent, yaf & *cetera*, to god and to oure lady seynt marie and to seynt Cutberte and to the p*ri*our and Covente of Dureham [1], and to ther successours or to ther assignes all (what-so-eu*er* they were), all ther arable lond the which they had fro a diche thurte over in Bewmounte, that is to sey, fro the londe of Philipp*e* ho, Burgeys of Oxenford, vnto the lond that was of Roger Semer in the same tilthe, in the subarbis of Oxenford, wherof thre acres lye beside the londe of Walter boste of the north p*ar*te, and one acre lieth of the southe p*ar*te of the lond of the said Walt*er* Boste, bitwene the lond of Thomas lewes and the lond of the same Roger Semer, And one hede of all the said lond buttith to the walles toward the west and another hede buttith vnto the kyngis hye wey of Bewmounte toward the Est; Also w*ith* vj. penyworth of yerely rente, to be take of one acre of the lond of Thomas lewes, w*ith* the tythes of the same acre; and the tythes of an acre of Walt*er* Boste in the same tylthe; w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, longyng bothe to the londe and to the rente and tythes. They willed also and graunted to the same priour and Couent aforseid that they shold have what-so-eu*er* right they had in voide groundes beside perelowse halle [2] in horsemongerstrete: To be had and to be hold, to the same priour and Couent of Dureham and to ther successours or to ther assignes all, of them and ther chirch of Godestowe, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for eu*er*, w*ith* all lib*er*teis, eschetis, customes, tythes, eysementis, *w*ith* fre entryngis and goyng out, and sutes of Courte, and all other thynges and accions in ony wise longyng to the said lond, rente, and tythes, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours, or to ther assignes who-so-euer they be, x. *shillings* of siluer at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at oure lady day in marche v. *shillings* of siluer and at Mighelmasse v. *shillings* of siluer, for all seruyce, customes, exaccions, sutis of courtis, and seculer demaundis. And yf hit happen the said priour and Covent and ther successours, or ony maner assignes of them, to be be-hynde of [or] to faile in the payment of þe seid yerely rente (that god for-bede), the for-said p*ri*our and Couente grauntith, for them and ther successours

to Durham Priory, of land towards a site for Durham College,

and of a rent-charge, and of tithes over lands there;

and of rights in waste land near Perilous Hall;

with all manorial casualties over said lands;

* leaf 126.

quit-rent, 10*s*. yearly.

Powers of distraint.

[1] For Durham College, part of the buildings of which are still extant in Trinity College, see Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 263–74; Oxf. Hist. Soc., *Collectanea*, iii.

[2] Now Kettell Hall in Broad Street: Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 373.

and all maner of assignes, that hit shold be wele lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, and to ther successours, or mynystres, or seruantis who-so-ever they be, to entre, distreyne, and nyme, all ther tenementes that they had or myght haue in the subarbis of Oxenford toward the northe, fro the fore-named diche thurte ouer bewmounte vnto horsemongerstrete, also and all the lond aforsaid, fro day into day, for the forsaid yerely x. *shillings*, with-oute ony agayn-saiyng or lette of the forsaid priour, Covente, successours, or assignes who-so-ever they be, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to the seid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, and to ther successours and assignes all, of the forsaid rente. And the forsaid abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and ther successours warantized aquyted and defended, for the forsaid rente of x. *shillings*, all the forsaid lond, sixe peny worthe of yerely rente, and tythes of ij. acris of Walter Boste and Thomas lewes, with all ther pertynentis, as hit is I-seid afore, to the forsaid priour and Couente of Dureham and to ther successours and to ther assignes, ayenst all men and women. Furthermore the said abbesse and Couente of Godestowe willed and graunted, for them and ther successours, that the forsaid priour and Couente, and ther successours, or ther assignes whiche-so-ever they sholde [be], that they shold be quyte fro yevyng of all tythes, bothe of more and lesse, in the forsaid lond for ever. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid priour and couente yaf to them afore-hondes xx. marke of sterlyngis. Into witnesse of all these thyngis, the forsaid parties put, euerych to other, ther seales to this present wrytyng I-made in the maner of a charter, & *cetera*. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Exemption from tithes, great and small. Purchase-money, £13 6*s*. 8*d*.

* leaf 126, back. About 1230.

*** The parissh of seynt Mighell at the north gate.**

[676.] A Charter of Alice, doughtir and heire of Theolph myller and of Eleyn the doughtir of Gerarde, I-made to Iohane the doughtir of henry Bunnesech for x. *shillings* of yerely rente of ij. seldes, & *cetera*.

Sale to Joan Bunnesech, by Alice

THE sentence of this charter is, that Alice, the doughtir and heire of Theolph myller and of Eleyn the doughtir of Gerard, in her lawfull power, yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohane, the doughtir

of henry Bunnesech, x. *shillings* of yerely rent, of tho two seldes the whiche were somtyme of Iohn Fr[a]ncees, Sadler, in seynt Mighell parissh at the north gate of Oxenford, to be take at iiij. *termes* of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d, at oure lady day in marche ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at Midsomer ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires and to whom-so-ever he[1] wold yeve selle bequethe or assigne hit for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to the light of seynt Michell chirche at the southe yate of Oxenford ij. d at Cristmasse, and to hym[1] and to his heires at Estir j. *obolus*. And Alice and her heires warantized the forsaid x. *shillings* of rente yerely, to the forsaid Iohane and to ther heires or assignes for euer, ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte & *cetera*, the forsaid Iohane yaf to her vj. marke in warison. And that all thise aforsaide thynges, & *cetera*.

daughter of Theolph miller, of 10*s.* rent-charge on two selds,

quit-rents, 2*d.* to the light of St. Michael's at South Gate, and ½*d.* to the mesne lord.

Purchase-money, £4.

[677.] A Charter of Mawde halygod, the Relicte of laurence halygod, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for x. *shillings* of yerely rente.

About 1235.

The sentence of this charter is, that Mavde halygod, the relicte of Laurence halygod, yaf, [and] lete (by counseil and the assent of Iohn her son), and *with* her charter confermed, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestow there seruyng god, in-to pure and perpetuell almesse, x. *shillings* of yerely rente in tho ij. seldes that were somtyme of Iohn Fraunceys, Sadler, in seynt Mighell parissh at the north gate of Oxenford, to be take at iiij. *termes* of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at oure lady day in marche ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at Midsomer ij. *shillings* vj. d, and at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d. And also hit is to be know that she atorned the x. *shillings, with* the counseil and assente of Iohn her son, euerlastyngly to by one pytaunce to the Coventis behoef and nede of Godestowe, in the day of her anniuersarye. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Maud, widow of Laurence Halegod, of no. 676,

to provide a pittance on the anniversary of her death.

[1] 'he,' as often, for 'she'; 'him,' 'his,' for 'her.'

About 1270. * leaf 127.

[678.] A Charter of Isoude dureham, abbesse of Godestowe, to Thomas *Fraunceys and to his heires or to his assignes for tho x. *shillings* of yerely rente.

Grant by Godstow, to Thomas Francis, and heirs, of the rent-charge (as in no. 676 and no. 677)

THE sentence of this charter is, that Isoude Duram, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, with one consente and assente, yaf & *cetera*, to Thomas Fraunceys and to his heires or assignes, tho x. *shillings* of yerely rente of tho ij. seldes, the which somtyme were of Iohn Fraunceis, Sadler, in seynt Michell parissh without [1] the north yate of Oxenford: To be had and to be holde, of them and ther successours, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer, yeldyng therof yerely, to them and to ther successours, ix. *shillings* of yerely rente at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Cristmasse ij. *shillings* iij. d, and at oure lady day in marche ij. *shillings* iij. d, and at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist ij. *shillings* iij. d, and at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* iij. d, for all seculer demaundes. And the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and ther successours warantized and defended the forsaid x. *shillings* of yerely rente, to the forsaid Thomas, and to his heires or his assignes, ayenst all men and women. And also the abbesse and Couent and ther successours, as ofte as the rente were behynde of tho ij. seldes, so ofte after ther owne wille they shold distreyne in all the tenement. And to this couenant truly and *with*-out gyle to be hold, the *par*ties put to ther seales, & *cetera* [2].

for a rent-charge of 9*s*.

Power of distraint.

* leaf 128, back. About 1285.

[679.] *A Charter of henry Eynysham to Thomas Somertoñ and Alice his wyf for a shoppe with the partynentis, & *cetera*.

Sale to Thomas of Somerton, by Henry of Einsham, of a shop,

THE sentence of this charter is, that henry of Eynysham yaf & *cetera* to Thomas Somertoñ and to Alice his wyf j. shoppe, *with* the *per*tynentis, the which is I-sette bitwene the lond of the Abbot of Eynysham of the one *par*te and the londe somtyme of Sydewardof Bamptoñ of the other *par*te, in seynt

[1] 'without,' in error for 'at.'

[2] Among the witnesses are John of Coleshull, *maior*, and Jeffrey goldsmith and Philip de Ow (or Eu), *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1269.

Mighels parissh at the north gate of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Thomas and Alice and to ther heires or ther assignes, of hym and his heires or his assignes or whom-
4 so euer he wold yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, frely quyetly pesibly and holy for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes one clow-gelofre at Estir, and to the abbesse of Godestowe
8 ix. *shillings* at iiij. pryncipall *termes* of the yere, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid henry and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended the forsaid selde, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Thomas and Alice, and
12 to ther heires or assignes, ayenst all peple for euer. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid Thomas and Alice yaf to hym xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis before-hondis. Into witnesse of whiche thynge, & *cetera* [1].

subject to quit-rents, to the mesne lord a clove at Easter, and to Godstow 9*s.* (as in no. 678).

Purchase-money, £2.

[680.] * A quyte-clayme of Thomas Somerton and of Alice his wyf to the lady of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place for all the right and clayme that they had in a selde *with* the *per*tynentis in seynt Mighels parissh of the Sowthe yate [2].

* leaf 135, back. About 1290.

16 The sentence of this relese and quyte-clayme is, that Thomas Somerton and Alice his wyf relesed, and quyte-claymed, to the lady abbesse of Godestowe and to the Covente of the same place, all the right and clayme that they had or in ony wise
20 myght have in one selde, *with* the *per*tynentis, in the towne of Oxenford, in seynt Mighels parissh of the sowth yate [2], the which they had of the same abbesse and Covente: So that they, no*per* there successours, ne none for them or by them, myght axe
24 ony right or clayme euer in the forsaid selde, *with* the *per*tynentis, nother ought to clayme, but to be exclude and put away for euer fro all right and accion of right. Into witnesse of the whiche thynge, they putte, & *cetera*.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Thomas Somerton, of all title in a seld, probably no. 679.

[1] Among the witnesses are Nicholas of Kyngeston, *maior*, and John Culvert and Thomas of Sowy, *ballivi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1284.

[2] In the Latin, as in the English, Register this is said to be in St. Michael's at *South* Gate parish, and is the first deed in that parish: but it attaches itself to no. 679. Cp. also 395/3–6 with 378/19–20.

* leaf 155. 1299.

[681.] * A Charter of Alice Gorges, Abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to Peter Skeltoñ, Clerke, for a Curtilage in seynt Mighell parisshe beside the north yate of Oxenforde.

Lease for ten years by Godstow, to Peter Skelton, of a curtilage under the town wall, reserving power to build on foundations already laid there.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Alice Gorges, by the grace of god Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couent of the same place, graunted and lete to Petir Skeltoñ, Clerk, a curtilage in seynt Mighell parissh beside the north yate of Oxenford, next to a tenement that was somtyme of maister William Coudray, ageynst [1] the walles of þe towne: Savyng to them power to make ther houses to ther nede after that the walles (there be-gonne to howsis to be made) strecch them-self: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Petir and to his assignes, fro the fest of Seynt Mathie the Appostle, the xxvij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward, vnto the ende of x. yere next folowyng fully I-complete, yeldyng therof yerely, to them and to ther successours in ther house of Godestowe, ij. *shillings* of siluer at the fest of the Annunciacioñ * of oure lady; to the which paiyng of the forsaid rente, to them and to theire successours, in the forsaid *terme*, euery yere truly to be do, the forsaid peter bound hym-self and all his tenementis in the forsaid towne to the constreynyng and distreynyng of all ther baillifis, that they may streyne [2] hym in all his tenementis, and hold the distreynynges, tille hit were fully I-satisfied of the arreragis of the forsaid rente, yf ther were ony, *with* the harmes [3]. And hit shold be lawfull also to take ayene to them the forsaid Curtilage into ther hondis, yf the forsaid rente were be-hynde by one monthe in one tyme be-yonde the day I-sette of the paiyng. And the forsaid Petir was I-bound to repaire and hold vp the erthe walles [4] aboute the Curtilage, *with* his owne costis. Into witnesse, *& cetera* [5].

* leaf 155, back.

Powers of distraint,

and re-entry.

Covenant to repair the fences.

[1] The Latin (Exchequer MS. leaf 190, mis-paged CC.) is: 'contra muros ville, salva nobis potestate domos ibidem ad opus *nostrum* construendi, *secundum* quod *parietes* (ibidem ad domos construendas incepte) se extendunt': i. e. Godstow reserves right of building on foundations laid there for houses.

[2] In Latin: 'quod possint eum distringere.'

[3] In Latin: 'una cum dampnis.'

[4] In Latin: 'muros mundales': possibly a slip for 'bundales,' bounding or enclosing. See Boase, *Reg. Coll. Exon.* (O.H.S.), xvi. 293.

[5] Among the witnesses are Robert of Wormenhall, *maior* of Oxford, Thomas of Sowy, Andrew of Pyrye.

[682.] *A plee I-meved by a breef of the kyngis I-called Cessauit bitwene the abbesse and Andrew Culuarde for a mese with the pertynentis.

*leaf 127. 1306, March 26.

THE sentence of this plee is, that there was I-meved a plee, by a breef of the kyngis that is I-called a 'Cessauit *per* bien-nium,' bitwene the religious women abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, axers, of the one *parte*, and Andrew Culuard of Oxenford and Alice his wyf, tenauntis and holders, of the other *parte*, of j. mese, *with* the *per*tynentis in Oxenford, þat is I-sette, in seynt Mighell parissh of the north gate of Oxenforde, bitwene the mese of the forsaid Andrew and Alice of the one *parte* and the tenement of Richard Dadyngton of the other *parte*. And the seid abbesse recou*ered* the same mese, for the *with*holdyng of a marke dewe to them, by iugemente of the kyngis courte towarde or ayenst the same Andrew and Alice. And the same Andrew and Alice brought forthe ayenst the same religious women 'assise of new disseisyng,' and attempted other accions dyu*erse* and stryves ayenst them; and all man*er* accions rest bitwene them in this maner, that is to sey: that dame molde Vptoñ, Abbesse of Godestowe aforsaid, and the Couente of the same place, graunted, for them and ther successours, that the forsaid Andrew and his wyf Alice, nat*with*stondynge the iugemente afore, shold contynew [to] haue and holde all the forsaid mese and his possessioñ, to hym and to his heires, in fee and heritage, of the forsaid abbesse and couente and ther successours for ever, as they held hit before, yeldyng therof yerely one marke of siluer at iiij. *ter*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Midsomer xl. d, and at Mighelmasse xl. d, and at seynt Thomas day the appostle xl. d, and at * the Annunciacioñ of oure lady xl. d. And for this graunte the same Andrew bonde hymself and his heires to the payment of the forsaid rente, in the same *ter*mes, for eu*er*. Furthermore, to more suerte, the said Andrew bounde and submytted the same mese, *with* the *per*tynentis, that the same Andrew had of the yifte of Alice Dytoñ in seynt Abbes parissh in Oxenford, also *with* the forsaid mese in that wise I-delyu*ered* to them, to who-so-eu*er* hondes hit come, to the distreynyng of the forsaid abbesse and ther successours and bailifis, that they myght (in that mese in seynt Abbys parissh,

Under a writ of *Cessavit*, Godstow obtained a verdict by which it recovered a messuage from Andrew Culvert,

who failed in an *assisa novae disseisinae*.

Re-grant by Godstow, to Andrew Culvert, of the messuage,

quit-rent, 13*s*. 4*d*.

* leaf 127, back.

Power of distraint.

also *with* that mese in seynt Mighell parissh) to distreyne and to *with*-holde the distreynyng, tille that hit were fully I-satisfied of the forsaid rente, yf ony were behynde. And the forsaid abbesse and ther successours shold warantize and defende, for the forsaid rente, that mese, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Andrew and Alice and to ther heires, ayenst all peple. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Andrew and Alice yaf to the forsaid abbesse and couente xl. *shillings* of sterlyngis beforehandes. In-to witnesse of [which], bothe *par*ties put ther seales, eu*er*ych to other. The date at Oxenford, the saturday in the morowe of the Annúnciacion of oure lady, the xxxiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kynge henry. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £2.

* leaf 128, back. 1315, Oct. 26.

[683.] *An endenture I-made bitwene dame Moolde Vptõ, Abbesse of Godestowe, and William More, Cordewayner, of Oxenford, and Isabelle his wyf, for a selde *with* a solar aboue hit.

[Simon and Jude = Oct. 28.] Lease for two lives by Godstow,

* leaf 129. to William More and wife,

of a shop and a room over it. [Nuneaton Priory.]

The sentence of this endenture is, that the sonday next afore the fest of the appostles Symond and Iude, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward, bitwene dame Moolde, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same house of the one *par*te, and William *More, Cordewayner of Oxenford, and Isabell his wyf, of the other *par*te, hit was I-corded in this wyse or maner, that is to sey: that the forsaid abbesse and Couente, *with* ther one assent and consente, toke, graunted, and lete, to the said William and Isabelle, to all the lyf of bothe of them, one selde, *with* a solar ou*er* the same selde I-bilde and [over] a selde of the prioresse of Nunne Etõ, the which ben sette in seynt Mighell parissh at the northe yate of Oxenford, vpon the corner beside the Irẽ cheyne[1] of the southe *par*te, bytwene the tenement that was of Alisaundre Cary of the Est *par*te and the selde of the said prioresse of the south *par*te: To be had and to be holde, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, to the said William and Isabelle his wyf and to ther assignes, to all the lyf of the lenger liver of þem, of the forsaid abbesse

[1] Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 71.

and Couente and ther successours, frely quyetly wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to the said abbesse and Couente and to ther successours, duryng the x. first yeres, euery yere at the fest of seynt Frideswyth virgyne, x. *shillings*, and all the other yeres folowyng, duryng the lyf of the said William and Isabell his wyf, the same Will*iam* or the one of them shold yelde to the said abbesse and Couente, and to ther successours, euery yere xiij. *shillings* at that same fest of seynt Frideswith abouesaid. And the forsaid abbesse and Couente and ther successours warantized and defended the said selde, *with* all the solar abovesaid, *with* all ther pertynentis, to the said William More and to Isabell his wyf (to all the lyf of them) and to ther assignes, bothe ayenst the chief lordes and also ayenst all other peple mortall. And the forsaid William and Isabell and ther assignes shold susteyne and holde vp the said selde and solar, *with* ther owne costis, [and] make agayn and repaire hit in all thyngis, honestly and competently, after that hit semeth to them to be nedefull and hovable. Also the said William & Isabell grauntith, that, yf the said Will*iam* dyed (the said Isabelle lyvyng), and the same [Isabell] (after the decesse of the seid William) cese by one yere, and be behynde, in the paiyng of the yerly rente aforsaid (that god forbede), than hit shold be lawfull to the said abbesse and Couente, and to ther successours, to take the said selde, *with* the solar, and *with* the pertynentis, *with* all the beteryngis and amendyngis that they put to them, into ther hondes, and to dispose therof at ther wille, and to cast out, [or] put out, the said Isabell, and her assignes, and all maner dwellers in them, without ony hope of recouerynge, and [with-out] ayenst-saiyng of ony man. Into witnesse of whiche, & *cetera*.

[Reduced rent during first years of a building lease.] [Frideswyde, Oct. 19.]

Covenants to repair and rebuild.

Special clause giving power of re-entry in case of failure of the widow to pay the rent.

[684.] *A Couenaunte bitwene Margerye Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place of the one partie, and Thomas Marchall of Oxenford and Cecilie his wyf of the other parte, for a selde with the partynentis in Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

* leaf 127, back. 1329, Sept. 29.

The sentence of this couenaunte is, that there was a covenaunte I-made bitwene margerye dyne, abbesse of godestowe, and the couente of the same place, of the one parte, and Thomas

Lease for 40 years by Godstow, to Thomas

and Cicely Marchall,

of a seld in the Cordwainry,

subject to quit-rents, to Godstow, 12*s.* 3*d.*; to St. Frideswyde's Priory, 1*s.* 9*d.*; and to Oxford City, 4*s.*

* leaf 128.

Power to distrain for rent over six selds.

Obligation to keep in repair.

Lease to be broken by death of lessees.

[Omission of rent during first years of a building lease.]

Marchall and Cecilie his wyf of the other p*ar*te, that is to sey, that the forsaid abbesse, w*ith* assent of the saide Couente, toke and lete to the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie one selde, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, in Oxenford, the which is I-sette in seynt Mighell parissh at the north gate, in the Cordewaynerye[1], bitwene the selde of Iohn Staunton of the southe side and the selde of the same Thomas of the north side, and vndir the soler of the same Thomas and Cecilie: To be had and to be hold, to the same Thomas and Cecilie, to the t*er*me of xl. yere nexte folowyng fully I-complete after the makyng of this p*re*sent writyng, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaid Abbesse and to ther successo*ur*s xij. *shillings* iij. d. at iiij. pryncipall t*er*mes; and of the same selde (for the same abbesse and Couente) to the priour[2] of seynt Frideswyth of Oxenford xxj. d, and to the baillifes of Oxenford iiij. *shillings* yerly. To which payment or rente, truly to be paid, as hit is I-seid afore, the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie bounde them-self, and the forsaide * selde, and v. seldes the which the same Thomas had of the north side of the same selde, to the distreynyng of the seid abbesse and couente, to whos-so-eu*er* hondes they come, that they myght distreyne in the same al so ofte as the seid rente were behynde, in p*ar*te or in all, and to with-holde the distreynyng, tille hit were fully I-satisfied to the same Religious women or to ther mynysters. Also the same Thomas and Cecilie, and bothe of hem, shold susteyne the same selde, all the tyme that hit happened hem to hold, w*ith* ther owne costis. And [yf] hit happenyd bothe Thomas and Cecilie, aft*er* the kynde of man, w*ith*in the t*er*me aforsaid to dye, than, anon after ther dethe of the p*er*sone that dyed last, the forsaid selde shold turne ayene to the same religious women, And hit shold be lawfull to them and to ther mynst*er*s to entre into hit w*ith*-out lette or ony maner agayn-saiyng. And, for-as-moche as the forsaid Thomas and Cecilie made that tyme the said selde new of ther owne costis, the forsaid abbesse & *cetera* graunted that the same Thomas and Cecilie shold be quyte, by iij. yere nexte folowyng after the date of the makyng herof, of the forsaid yerly rente of xij. *shillings* iij. d, the which they graunted to allowe to them for the forsaid

[1] Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 483–5.

[2] See 378/20.

makyng. And the forsaid Religious women warantized the seid selde, so I-lette, to the same Thomas and Cecilie ayenst all peple, owte-take of the rente of the forsaid priour and baillifes. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the saturday in the fest of seynt Mighell, the thirde[1] yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the sone of kynge Edwarde.

[685.] An endenture bitwene Margery Tracy, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, to Iohn Siluestre, spor-yer, and to Alice his wyf, for a shoppe *with* a soler at the corner of Cheyne lane in Oxenforde. 1375, Oct. 1.

Lease for two lives, by Godstow, to John Silvester and wife, of a corner shop,

at a rent of 15*s.* 4*d.*, the tenant to perform services due by the tenement to the chief lord,

* leaf 128, back. and to repair.

Prohibition to sub-let.

Powers of re-entry if tenant does not observe his covenants.

The sentence of this endenture is, that Margery Tracy, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, toke and lete to Iohn Siluestre, Sporier, and to Alice his wyf, one shoppe *with* a soler, at the corner of Cheynelane[2] in Oxenford in seynt Mighell parissh at the northe gate I-sette: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaide Iohn Siluestre and to Alice his wyf, to the *terme* of ther lyf, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaid abbesse and Couent xv. *shillings* iiij. d, at iiij. *termes* of the yere vsuall in the forsaid borough of Oxenford, the first *terme* of the payment begynnyng at the fest of Seynt Thomas next folowyng after the date of this *present* writynge. And the same Iohn and Alice shold yelde yerely, for the forsaid abbesse and Couente, to the chief lord of that fee all service dewe therof and I-wonyd. And the forsaid Iohn and Alice sholde * repaire and susteyne, wele and competently, *with* ther owne costis, all the forsaid shop *with* the solar, durynge the *terme* aforsaid; And so in the ende of ther *termys* they shold leve hit *with*[3] competent astate. Natheles hit shold not be lawfull to the forsaid Iohn and Alice to lette the said shop *with* the solar to ony man, *without* licence of the forsaid abbesse and Couent. And yf hit happened the forsaid rente of xv. *shillings* iiij. d. to be behynde, in *parte* or in all, *after* ony *terme* by xv. dayes; or yf they paye not the rente longyng to the chief lorde, at a lawfull *terme*; or

[1] The Latin has 'tertio decimo,' which is right. Sept. 29, 13 Edward II, 1319, fell on a Saturday. Sept. 29 in 3 Edward II, 1309, was on a Monday.

[2] Cheyney Lane is now Market Street.

[3] Read 'in,' for 'with.'

yf they repaired not and susteyned the forsaide shoppe *with* the solar, in the forme afore I-put; or lette hit to ony man, *without* licence first I-axed and I-gote, as hit hathe be I-said afore: that fro that tyme hit shold be wele lawfull to the forsaid abbesse and Couent, and to ther successours, or to ther *procuratour*, to agayne entre into the said shoppe *with* the solar, and to agayn holde to them, and to put out the forsaid Iohn Siluestre and Alice his wyf fro thens, and to agayn hold hit as in ther olde astate, not*with*stondyng this endenture. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the house of the Chapit*er*, the monday next aftir the fest of seynt Michell, the xlix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde aft*er* the conquest.

[Godstow Chapter-house.]

* leaf 135, back.

* The Parissh of Seynt Mighell at the Sowthe yate.

[Note.—This suburban parish lay between the South Gate (which stood between what is now the south-west corner of Christ Church and the south-east corner of Pembroke College) and the river. It consisted chiefly of meadow-land and a raised causeway called Grandpont (no. 658). It is now merged in St. Aldate's parish. The rubrics in the Latin Register explain the presence of these documents by their connexion with the rent-charges (nos. 532, and 533, over properties in this parish) given to Godstow by Hugh Palmer.]

* leaf 137. About 1220.

[686.] * A Charter of William fitz Iohn Dyere I-made to Robert Gloser and to Margerye his wyf, for his lond with the partynentis in Oxenford.

Sale to Robert gloser, by William son of John dyer, of land at Shelving-stole,

The sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Iohn Dyere[1] graunted, lete, and delyuered, to Robert Gloser[2] and to Margerye his wyf, that lond, *with* the *per*tynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond of William fitz Elie and the lond of the forsaid Robert the which he toke afore into fee of hym *without* the sowth yate of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Robert and to Margery his wyf, and to the heires comyng of the forsaid Robert and Margerye, or to whom-so-euer the forsaid Robert and Margerye wold yeve it or selle hit or assigne hit, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly and holy, yeldyng to his heires yerely xij. d. at ij. *ter*mes of the yere, for all seruyce,

quit-rent, 1*s*.

[1] 'tinctor' in the Latin.

[2] The Latin gives this name as 'le Gloser' or 'Glosur.' It seems to be a trade natural to a district of dyers, fishers, fullers. Walter alutar*ius*, Henry tannur of Benesey, occur as witnesses to this deed.

that is to sey, at Ester vj. d and at Mighelmasse vj. d. And the seid William and his heires warantized the said lond, *with* the *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Rob*ert* and Margerye and to ther heires comyng of them or to whom-so-ever they wold yeve selle or assigne hit, excepte to religious men, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Rob*ert* and Margery yaf to hym xx. *shillings* in warison. And that, & *cetera*. Purchase-money, £1.

[687.] *A Char*ter* of Cristyne the relicte of Iohn Dyer confermyng the graunte, takyng, and letyng, that William his sone and his heire made to Robert Gloser and to Margarete[1] his wyfe, & *cetera*. * leaf 135, back. About 1220.

The sentence of this char*ter* is, that Cristyne the relicte of Iohn dyer, confermed *with* this her char*ter* the graunte, takyng, and letyng, þat William *his sone and heire made to Robert Gloser and to Margarete[1] his wyf and to ther heires, of that londe the which is in seynt Mighels parissh *with*out the sowthe yate, of the fee of the priour and chanons of seynt Frideswithe, which is beside the lond of Thomas Coppe vndir the walle, as witnesseth the char*ter* of William his son I-made to Rob*ert* Gloser and Margarete[1] his wyf and to ther heires. And Cristyne and her heires warantized the forsaid lond to the forsaid Rob*ert* Gloser and Margarete[1] his wyf and to ther heires ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, they yaf to her and to William her son and heire iij. marke in warison. In witnes, & *cetera*. Confirmation by Cristina, * leaf 136. widow of John dyer, to Robert le gloser, of no. 686. Purchase-money, £2.

[688.] *A char*ter* Originall of William fitz Iohn Dyer of Oxenford, I-made to Robert Gloser and to Margarete[2] his wyf, for that lond that he helde of the fee of the priour and chanons of Seynt Frydeswith vnder the Walle, & *cetera*. * leaf 136, back. About 1230.

The sentence of this char*ter* is, that William fitz Iohn graunted, toke, and lete, & *cetera*, to Robert Gloser and to Margarete[2] his wyf, that lond that he held of the fee of the Sale to Robert gloser, by William

[1] In error for 'Margery.' [2] The Latin has Margery.

son of John dyer, of land;

priour and chanons of Frideswith vndir the walle, that is to sey, that more *parte* of the lond the which is bitwene the lond of Thomas Coppe and his litell house in seynt Mighels parissh *with*-out the sowthe yate: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires or to whom-so-ever he wold yeve hit or assigne hit (out take to religious men), in fee and heritage, frely and quyetly and pesibly, yeldyng therof to hym and to his heires v. *shillings* at ij. *termes* of the yere, at Ester ij. *shillings* vj. d and at Mighelmasse ij. *shillings* vj. d, for all customes and exaccions longyng to hym and to his heires. And William fitz Iohn Dyer and his heires warantized to the forsaid Robert Gloser and to Margarete his wyf and to ther heires and to ther assignes the forsaid lond, *with* his *pertynentis*, ayenst all men and women. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Robert Gloser and Margarete his wyf and Cristyne his modir yaf to hym iij. marke into warisoun. Into witnesse of the whiche, & *cetera*.

quit-rent, 5*s*.

Purchase-money, £2.

leaf 137. About 1230.

[689.] *A charter of Thomas Fuller I-made to Raaf Fitz William fitz Amfride his norissh for v. *shillings* of rente in Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

Grant to Ralph son of William, by Thomas fuller, of a 5*s*. rent-charge,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Fullere, for goddes sake and for the helthe of his sowle, graunted and yaf to Raaf[1] fitz William fitz Amfride his norissh v. *shillings* of the rente of the lond that William of seynt Albon toke of hym vndir the walle of Oxenford toward the sowthe: To be had and to be hold, to hym and to his heires, frely and quyetly, yeldyng therof yerely to Philippe Burgeys ij. *shillings* for all seruyce and exaccion. And that & *cetera*.

subject to a quit-rent of 2*s*.

* leaf 136. About 1259.

[690.] *A Charter of Moolde at the yate I-made to hugh fitz Ranulph Fissher for iij. *shillings* of yerely rente.

Sale to Hugh son of Randall

THE sentence of this charter is that Moolde at the yate, in her lawfull wedowhode, yaf, & *cetera*, to hugh fitz Ranulph

[1] The Latin is 'Radulfo . . . nutricio meo'; so that 'norissh' is = pupil. The deed is witnessed by Robert, sub-prior of St. Frideswyde's; Reginald, chaplain of St. Peter; Torold allutarius; Henry son of Henry son of Simeon; &c.

Fissher[1] of Oxenford, iij. *shillings* of yerely rent, to be I-confermed yerely of the lond of the same hugh * the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Roger Bernard of the one *par*te and the lond of Alice hore even ayenst the Sheluyngstole[2] vndir the walle in seynt Mighels parissh of the sowthe of Oxenford, the which iij. *shillings* the forsaid hugh was I-wonyd to yelde to her of the same lond: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for ever. And Moolde and her heires warantized the forsaid iij. *shillings* of yerely rente, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires and his assignes, ayenst all men and women for e*ver*. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Hugh yaf to her before-handes xvj. *shillings* of sterlyngis. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*[3].

fisher, by Maud at the gate, * leaf 136, back. of a rent-charge of 3*s*.

[691.] * A Charter of William fitz Robert Gloser I-made to Ranulph Fyssher for his mese with the partynentis.

* leaf 135, back. About 1266.

The sentence of this charter is, that [William fitz] Robert [le] Gloser, in his lawfull power, graunted, & *cetera*, to hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher, a mese *with* the *per*tynentis, for his *ser*uice, the which mese lieth bitwene the lond that was of henry Ruffy of the one *par*tie and the lond that was of Geffrey hakeburn of the other *par*te, in the subarbis of Oxenford in seynt Mighels *par*issh of the sowthe yate of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and his heires, frely quyetly holy and pesibly for e*ver*, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordes of the fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd, and to hym and to his heires j. d. at Estir, for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde: and William and his heires warantized aquyted and defended, by the forsaid seruyce, the forsaid mese, *with* all his *per*tynentis, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires and his assignes, ayenst all men and women for ever. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[4].

Grant to Hugh son of Randall fisher, by William son of Robert gloser, of a messuage; quit-rent, 1*d*. at Easter.

[1] The Latin copy, probably wrongly, makes the grant to 'Ranulfus piscator' himself.

[2] See Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 299. It may have been a lane going down from the street to Trill-mill Stream.

[3] Witnesses include William le sauser, *maior*, and Henry Perle and John Pady, *prepositi*, of Oxford.

[4] Among the witnesses are Nicholas of Stokwell, *maior*, John of Coleshull and Jeffrey le mercer, *prepositi*, of Oxford, who took office at Michaelmas, 1265.

* leaf 136. About 1266.

[692.] * A Charter of William fitz Robert Gloser made to hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher for certayne londe in Oxenforde.

Grant to Hugh son of Randall fisher, by William son of Robert gloser, of land;

THE sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Robert Gloser yaf, & *cetera*, to hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher, all that lond, *with* the pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Raynold Gelmer and the lond of Alice hore, in Seynt Mighels parissh of the sowthe of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, of hym and his heires, in fee and heritage, frely quyetly pesibly and holy, yeldyng therof to the chief lordes of that fee seruyce dew and I-wonyd,

quit-rent, 1*d.*

and to hym and to his heires j. d. at Ester, for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And the forsaid William and his heires warantized the forsaid lond, *with* the pertynentis, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires and his assignes, ayenst all men

Purchase-money, £4.

and women for euer. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid hugh yaf to hym vj. mark, of sterlyngis before-handes into warison. And that alle thise afore writynges shold be sure, & *cetera*.

* leaf 137. About 1266.

[693.] * A Couenaunte I-made bitwene hugh fitz Ranulph Fissher of Oxenford and William fitz Robert Gloser for ij. meses *with* all ther pertynentis.

Grant to William son of Robert gloser and heirs of body, by Hugh son of Randall fisher, of two messuages, one in St. Michael's at South Gate (no. 691), one in St. Frides-wyde's parish,

THE sentence of this charter is, that there was a couenaunte I-made, bitwene hugh fitz Ranulph Fysshere of the one parte, and William fitz Robert Gloser of the other parte, that is to sey, that the forsaid hugh toke and lete to the forsaid William ij. meses, *with* all ther pertynentis, of the which one lieth bitwene the lond of Godefray hakeburne of the one parte and the lond that was of henry Ruffy of the other parte, in the subarbes, in seynt Mighels parissh of the sowthe of Oxenford, And another mese, *with* the pertynentis, lieth bitwene the lond that was of Robert Gloser of the one parte and the lond of Cristyn Cordewanere of the other parte, in seynt Frideswith parissh of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid William and to his heires of his body I-gote, frely quyetly holy and pesibly for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordes of

tho fees dewe seruyce and I-wonyd', and to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires or assignes yerely j. d'. at Ester, for all seruyce exaccion' and demaunde; and yf the forsaid' William died' without heire of his body, anon' after the decesse of the forsaid' William, the ij. meses shold' abide * remayne and turne agayn' to the forsaid' hugh and to his heires, vttirly quyetly and without ony agayn'-saiyng' for euer, as hit is conteyned' in the charters the whiche the forsaid' William made therof to the forsaid' hugh and his heires. And the forsaid' hugh and his heires warantized' the forsaid' ij. meses, with ther pertynentis, to the forsaid' William and to his heires comyng' forthe of his body, ayenst all men and women for euer. So that the forsaid' William shold' not selle nother lay to wedde nother assigne to no man, cristen' nother Iewe, nother in religion' nother out of religion', the forsaid' ij. meses with the pertynentis, in parte other in all. And to this couenaunte to be holde truly and with-out gyle, bothe parties plight ther trowthes, and put to ther seale, euerych to others writyng', & *cetera*[1].

quit-rent, 1*d.*,

* leaf 137, back.

under covenant not to mortgage. [Jews.]

[694.] * A Charter of hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher of Oxenford' I-made to Alice his modir for a mese with the partynentis in Oxenford'.

* leaf 136, back. About 1266.

Grant to Alice, widow of Ranulph fisher, by her son Hugh,

of life-rent in a messuage.

The sentence of this charter is, that Hugh fitz Ranulph Fyssher of Oxenford' graunted', & *cetera*, for hym and his heires, to Alice his modir, somtyme the wyf of Ranulphe Fyssher his fader, to all her lyf, that his mese, with all the pertynentis, that is bitwene his lond' of the one parte and the lond' of Laurence fitz Roger Bernard' of the other parte, even ayenst sheluyng-stole, in seynt Mighell' parissh at the sowthe yate of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' Alice his modir as longe as she lived', frely quyetly holy worshipfully wele and in pease. And hugh and his heires warantized', aquyted', and defended' the forsaid' mese, with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid' Alice al so longe as she lived', ayenst all men and women. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*[1].

[1] Witnesses as in no. 691.

* leaf 136. About 1266.

[695.] * A Charter of Alice somtyme the wyf of Ranulphe Fyssher quyte-claymyng to hugh her sone a mese with the partynentis, & *cetera*.

Quit-claim to Hugh son of Randall fisher, by his mother Alice, of all title in a messuage on Grandpont.

THE sentence of this charter is that Alice, somtyme the wyf of Ranulph Fyssher of Oxenford, in her owne lawfull wedowhode, yaf graunted and quyte-claymed, and with her charter confermed, to hugh her sone, for his seruyce, all that mese with the pertynentis that is bitwene the lond of Roger Tanner of the one parte and the lond that was of Raaf Chilton of the oþer partie, vpon the grete brigge in seynt Mighels parissh of the sowth yate of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires or to his assignes, with all right and clayme that she had or myght haue in the forsaid mese with his pertynentis in the name of her fre dowry or in ony other right, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to the chief lordes of that fee dew seruyce and I-wonyd for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And that this his[1] yifte, & *cetera*[2].

* leaf 133.

* The parissh of Seynt Mildrythe.

[NOTE.—Since about 1430 this small parish has been merged in St. Michael's parish at North Gate. The greater part of it is now occupied by the buildings of Exeter College, and all the Godstow land here was parted with to provide a portion of the site of that College: Boase's *Registrum Coll. Exon.* (1894), pp. ix, x, xvi.]

[1. Benefaction of Maud Perle.]

* leaf 133. About 1230.

[696.] * A Couenaunte I-made bitwene Walter fitz William Coillum and William Perle for all his lond with the pertynentis & *cetera*.

Lease to William Perle, by Walter Coillum, of land,

THE sentence of this couenaunte is, that ther was a couenaunte I-made bitwene Walter fitz William Coillum and William Perle, that is to sey, that Walter graunted, lete, and delyuered, to the forsaid William all his lond, with the pertynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Iohn Borewolde and the lond of Alice that was the wyf of hugh Eton, in Seynt Mildrethes

[1] 'his,' as often, for 'her.'

[2] Witnesses much as in no. 694.

parissh in Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the seid William and to his heires or his assignes, frely quyetly and holy, that is to sey, fro the fest of seynt Mighell the xiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn vnto the ende of x. yere next folowynge, yeldyng therof eu*ery* yere to the chief lordes xviij. d for all *seruyce*: and the forsaid Walt*er* and his heires warantiȝed the forsaid lond, w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid William and to his heires or to his assignes thurgh the t*erme* of x. yere ayenst all men and women; and for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid William yaf to the forsaid Walt*er* xij. marke of sterlyngis before-handis. Also hit is to be know that [that] the said William or his assignes shall put in amendyng and susteynyng of the forsaide lond, resonably, by the sight of good men, for the defawtyng of the said Walt*er* or his heires, that shold be allowed to the said William and to his heires or to his assignes in the ende of the forsaid t*erme*. And þat, & *cetera*[1].

for ten years, at a rent of 1*s.* 6*d.*

Purchase-money, £8. Compensation for improvements.

[697.] *A charter of Walter fitȝ William Coillum for xx. *shillings* to be paid to William Perle of Oxenford the whiche he owed to hym.

* leaf 134, back. 1230, Nov.

Loan of £1, by William Perle, on security of William Coillum's land (no. 696), in consideration of right to foreclose and take the land on payment of £5 13*s.* 4*d.*

The sentence of this Charter is, that Walter fitȝ William Coillum owed to William Perle of Oxenford xx. *shillings* of sterlynges, to be yelded at the fest of Alhalewyn in the xv. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn. And yf he yelded not or satisfyed [to] the same William (or to his heires or to his assignes) the said xx. *shillings*, all his lond, w*ith* the p*er*tynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond the which was of Iohn Borewold and the lond that was of Alice that was the wyf of hugh Eton in seynt Mildreth parissh of Oxenford, shold remayn and abide for eu*er* to the same William and to his heires and to his assignes, for viij. marke and an half the which he shold yeve to hym in warison: To be had and to be holde, frely and quyetly, fully and holy, pesibly and worshipfully, yeldyng therof to hym and to his heires yerely ij. *shillings* at ij. t*er*mes of the yere, that is to sey, at Ester xij. d and at Mighelmasse xij. d, And to the

[1] Witnesses include John Pady, *maior*, and Pentecost and Henry son of Thomas, *prepositi*, of Oxford.

chief lord of the fee yerely xviij. d. at Mighelmasse, for all seruyce and demaund. And he and his heires warantizeđ to the said William and to his heires and to his assignes, yf hit happe, all the lond, *with* the *per*tynentis, ayenst al men; but, and happe that he satisfye and paye the same xx. *shillings* in the afore-named *ter*me of Alhalewyn, this *pre*sent writyng shold be yelded to hym *with*-out agayn-saiyng; and the forsaid lond also shold be in the hande of the same William vnto the ende of x. yere, the which is I-conteyned in the charter that was I-made bitwene them, as the charters witnessen. And for by-cause hit shold not [be] out of mynde or be forgete, he put to his seale, & *cetera*[1].

* leaf 133. About 1240.

[698.] * A charter of Moolde that was the doughtir of William Perle of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all thise londes vndir writen.

Grant to Godstow, by Maud Perle,

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde, that was the doughter of William Perle of Oxenford, in her lawfull wedowhode, yaf, & *cetera*, for her and her heires, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for euer, for the helthe of her sowle and of her other auncet*ur*s, thise londes vndir-writte, the which she had, and was possessed

of land as in no. 697,

by right heritage, in the towne of Oxenford, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, that is to sey, all that lond that William her fadir bought of Walter fitz William Coillum, the which lieth bitwene the lond that was of Iohn Borewald and the londe that was of Alice that was the wyf of hugh Eton in seynt Mildredis

and of land in St. Frideswyde's parish,

parissh of Oxenford: Also all that lond that the forsaid William her fadir bought of Science that was the wyf of Thomas Machon in seynt Frideswythe parissh of Oxenford: To be hold and to be had for euer, to the said mynchons seruyng and to serue in the said monastery, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, into fre pure and *per*petuell almesse; doyng natheles therof yerely to the chief lordes of the fees seruyce dew and I-wonyd therof, *after* the tenour of the charters the which her fadir had therof; And also yeldyng vnto the chirche of seynt Mildreth[2] virgyn of Oxenford

[1] Witnesses include Peter son of Torald, *maior*, Pentecost and Henry, *prepositi*, of Oxford.

[2] Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 94.

ij. d. of yerely rente, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse; yeldyng also to hym and to his heires ij. d. of siluer at Ester, for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And hit is to be know that she assigned * xx. *shillings* of the said tenement in seynt Fridesswyth parissh specially to a pytaunce of the Couente of Godestowe in the day of her anniuersary every yere to be, and the residue of all the rente, of the same tenemente comyng, she assigned specially to the kochyn of the fermorye, savyng nathelesse the rente of the chief lordes and cost to be do in the same houses. Also she and her heires warantized to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours for euer all the forsaid londes and tenementis with all ther pertynentis ayenst all men and women. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons graunted to her parte of all good dedes that shold be do in the said house of Godestowe in tymes that were to come. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*[1].

subject to 2*d.* yearly to St. Mildred's Church; * leaf 133, back. to provide a yearly pittance of 20*s.* on her own anniversary, the residue to go to the infirmary of Godstow, after paying for quit-rents and repairs of the property.

[699.] A Couenaunte bitwene Flandryne, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Moolde that was the doughtir of William Perle of Oxenford, for v. marke al so longe as she lyved, & *cetera*.

About 1242.

THE sentence of this couenaunte is that Flandryne, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, *with* one assente, graunted, and with this writyng confermed, for them and ther successours, to Moolde, that was the doughtir of William Perle of Oxenford, v. marke of siluer euery yere al so longe as she lyved, to be paid in ther howse at iiij. *termes* of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist xvj. *shillings* viij. d, at Mighelmasse xvj. *shillings* viij. d, at Cristmasse xvj. *shillings* viij. d, and at Ester xvj. *shillings* viij. d. And that this couenaunte and graunte, & *cetera*.

Grant by Godstow, to Maud Perle, of a yearly pension (£3 6*s.* 8*d.*), no doubt in consideration of no. 698.

[700.] A quyte-clayme of Cecilie that was the wyf of William Perle of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all the right that she had in the name of her dowerye, & *cetera*.

About 1242.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Cecilie, somtyme the wyf of William Perle of Oxenford, in her lawfull wedowhode,

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Cecilia,

[1] Among the witnesses are Adam Feteplace, *maior*, Henry son of Symeon, John of Coleshulle, Nicholas of Kyngeston, *prepositi*, of Oxford.

widow of William Perle, of her jointure-right in no. 698,

graunted', lete, and quyte-claymed' for euer, to the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, all the right, and what-so-euer she myght haue, or had', in the name of her dowery, in Oxenford', of a tenemente that William Perle (somtyme her husbond') bought of Walter fitz Coillum in seynt Mildredes parissh, and of a tenemente that William aforsaid' her husbond' bought of Science that was the wyf of Thomas Machon in seynt Frideswythe parissh in Oxenford'. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' mynchons yaf to her euery yere, al so longe as she lived', iij. marke of siluer and one lyverey of ther house of charite to be take, after that hit is specially conteyned' in the charter I-made therof. And that this graunte, & *cetera* [1].

in consideration of a yearly pension of £2, and a new dress each year.

[2. Lands acquired from William Crompe.]

* leaf 134, back. About 1259.

[701.] *A Charter of William Crompe of Oxenford' I-made to Robert Buthe for all his lond' in Oxenforde, & *cetera*.

Sale to Robert Butte, by William Cromp,

of land as in no. 702,

THE sentence of this charter is, that William Cromp̄ of Oxenford' yaf, & *cetera*, for hym and his heires, to Robert Buthe [2] of Oxenford', all his lond', with all his pertynentes, the which was somtyme of Thomas Furbure, the which is bitwene his lond' of the one parte and the lond' that was of Osberte Vylen of the other, in seynt Mildrethes parissh of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' Robert and to his heires or to his assignes where and when he wold' yeve hit, bequethe, selle, or assigne, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires ij. d'. at Mighelmasse, for all seruyce therof dewe and I-wonyd', and exaccions. And the forsaid' William and his heires warantized', aquyted', and defended', to the forsaid' Robert and to his heires or to his assignes all the forsaid' lond', with all his pertynentis, ayenst all men, cristen and Iewes, by the forsaid' seruyce. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the

subject to 2*d*. quit-rent.

[Jews.]

[1] Among the witnesses are John 'scriptor' of Haliwelle; Adam, pergamenarius; James de Hawncia, steward of Godstow; Henry, the porter.

[2] In the Latin Register, 'Buc' in the rubric, 'Buch' in the text.

forsaid' Robert yaf to hym before-handes x. mark, of sterlyngis in warison. And that all thise afore-written thynges shold' be sure, & *cetera*[1]. Purchase-money, £6 13*s.* 4*d.*

[Note.—The relation between nos. 701 and 702 is obscure. On the face of it, it looks as if Crompe, after selling the substantial interest in the land, conveyed to Godstow the feudal superiority over it, represented by the 2*d.* yearly quit-rent in no. 701. Godstow may have acquired Robert Butte's interest.]

[702.] *A charter of William Cromp̄ I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for all his londe in Oxenforde, & *cetera*. * leaf 133, back. About 1259.

The sentence of this charter is, that William Cromp̄ of Oxenford' yaf & *cetera*, for hym and his heires, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, all that lond', with his pertynentis, the which was somtyme of Thomas Furbure, the which is bitwene his lond' of the one parte and the lond' that was somtyme of Osberte Vyleyne of the other, in seynt *Mildrethis parissh of Oxenford': To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' mynchons and to ther successours, into pure and perpetuel almesse, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease fro all seculer seruyce and demaunde as ony almesse myght frely be yove. And William and his heires warantized' aquyted' and defended' for euer the forsaid' lond', with all his pertynentis, ayenst all men and women. And that this his graunte shold' be sure, & *cetera*. Grant to Godstow, by William Cromp, of land, as in 701. * leaf 134.

[3. Alienation of the Godstow lands in this parish.]

[703.] A Couenaunte I-made bitwene Dame Margery Dyne, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Rector and Scolers of Stapulton halle of Oxenford, for a tenemente with a Curtilage, & *cetera*. 1318, April 23.

The sentence of this Covenaunte is, that there was a couenaunte I-made, bitwene the religious women dame Margerye abbesse of Godestowe and the Couente of the same place of the one parte, and the Rector and scolers of Stapilton halle[2] of Oxenford' of the other parte, that is to sey, þat the forsaid' Abbesse and Couente graunted' and toke, for them and ther Grant by Godstow, to Stapledon hall, of a perpetual lease of a tene-

[1] Witnesses as in no. 690.

[2] Now Exeter College.

ment and curtilage

successours, to fee-ferme for eu*er* to the forsaid Rector and scolers, one tenemente w*ith* a curtilage liyng to, w*ith* all ther p*er*tynentis, in the towne of Oxenford, that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of the forsaid Rector and scolers that was somtyme of maist*er* Petir Skelton of the west p*ar*te and the tenement that was of Thomas henxey in seynt Mildredis p*ar*issh toward the towne walles of the Est p*ar*te: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Rector and scolers and to ther successours, of the forsaid religious women and ther successours, frely wele and in pease for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaid Religious women and to ther successours xij. *shillings* of good and lawfull money at ij. t*er*mes of the yere by even porcions, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. *shillings* and at our lady day in marche vj. *shillings*, for all seruyce. And the forsaid abbesse and Couente and ther successours shold warantize and defende for eu*er* the forsaid tenement, w*ith* the Curtilage, and p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Rector and scolers, and to ther successours, ayenst all mortall men. Also hit shold be lawfull to the forsaid Religious women and to ther successours, by them-self, or by ther procuratour*e* or attorney, yf nede were, to entre the forsaid tenement, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, for the arreragis of the forsaid rente, yf there were ony, And also in two tenementes of the forsaid Rector and scolers (into whos-so-eu*er* handes they come), and p*er*e to distreyne, and to hold the distreynyngis, till hit were fully I-satisfyed to the forsaid Religious women of the arreragis of the forsaid rente: of the which forsaid tenementis, the one is I-called herthalle[1], that is I-sette bitwene the tenemente of the vnyu*er*site of Oxenford I-called Blakhalle of the west p*ar*te and the tenemente of the prioresse and Couente of Stodley that is I-called Sheldhalle of the Est p*ar*te (And[2] the tenemente of Adam Spaldhek,) in seynt Petir parissh in the Est, and another tenemente I-bilde in the same parissh, I-called Artur hall[1], bitwene the tenemente of the abbot and couente of Oseneye of the Est p*ar*te and the tenement of Adam Spaldhek, of the west p*ar*te. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the fest of seynt George, the yere of our lord a thousand thre hundred and xviij.

at a quit-rent of 12*s*.

Right of distraint not only in that tenement

but in Hart Hall

and Arthur Hall.

[George = April 23.]

[1] Wood's *Colleges and Halls*, 640. [2] Omit the bracketed words: see no. 704.

[704.] * A Charter of kyng Edward for Stapuldon halle in Oxenford. * leaf 134, back. 1319, Oct. 30.

THE sentence of this charter is that kyng Edward, by the grace of god * kyng of Englond lord of Irlond and duke of Gyen, willed to be know to all peple, to [whom] these lettres shold come, helthe. Saiyng after in this wise, we haue I-sey a writyng I-chartered bitwene the wele I-loved to vs in crist thabbesse and mynchons of Godestowe of the one parte, and the Rector and scolers of Stapuldon halle of Oxenford of the other parte, I-made into thise wordes: This is the couenaunte I-made, bitwene the Religious women Margerye Dyne by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe and the Couente of the same place of the one parte, and the Rector and scolers of Stapeldon halle of Oxenford of the other parte, that is to sey, that the forsaid abbesse and Couente graunted and toke, for them and ther successours, to a fee-ferme for ever, to the forsaid Rector and scolers one tenemente, *with* a curtilage liyng to, *with* all his pertynentis, in the towne of Oxenford, the which is I-sette bitwene the tenemente of the said rector and scolers that was somtyme of maister Petir Skelton on the west parte and the tenement that was of Thomas hengsey in seynt Mildredes parissh toward or agaynst the towne walles of the Est parte: To be had and to be hold, *with* all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid rector and scolers and to ther successours, of the forsaid religious women and of ther successours, frely wele and in pease for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to the forsaid religious women and to ther successours xij. *shillings* of good and lawfull money at ij. termes of the yere, by even porcions, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse vj. *shillings* and at our lady day in marche vj. *shillings*, for all seruyce. And the forsaid abbesse and Couente and ther successours warantized and defended for euer the forsaid tenement and Curtilage, *with* all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid rector and scolers, and to ther successours, ayenst all mortall men. Also hit shall be lawfull to the forsaid religious women and to ther successours to entre the forsaide tenemente, *with* all his pertynentis, yf hit were nede, by themself, or by ther procuratours or attorney, for the arreragis of the forsaid rente, yf ther were ony, and also in two tenementis of the forsaid Rector and scolers

* leaf 135.

Recitation by Edward II, of no. 703,

(in-to whos-so-eu*er* handes they come), and there to distreyne, and to hold' the distreynyngis, tille hit were fully I-satisfied' to the forsaid' religious women of the arreragis of the forsaid' rente, of the which forsaid' tenement [is] one is I-called' herthalle that is I-sette bitwene the tenement of the vnyu*er*site of Oxenford' I-called' Blakhalle of the west p*ar*te and the tenement of the prioresse and Couente of Stodeley that is I-called' Sheldhalle of the Est p*ar*te in seynt Petirs parissh in Est, And another tenemente is I-bilded' in the same parissh, I-called' Artur halle, bitwene the tenement of the abbot and couente of Oseney of the Est p*ar*te and the tenemente of Adam Spaldheyke of the west p*ar*te. Into witnesse of the which thynge bothe p*ar*ties put ther seales, eu*er*ych to others writyng. These beyng witnes, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in the fest of Seynt George, the yere of oure lord' a thousand' CCC. xviij. The kyng', havyng this graunte and *takyng aforsaid' ratified' to his plesure, graunted' and confermed' them, for hym and his heires, al so moche as was in hym, to the forsaid' Rector and scolers and to ther successours, as the writyng' aforsaid' resonably witnesseth. Into witnesse of the which, he made to be made thise his lettres patentes, hym-self beyng witnesse, at yorke, the xxx. day of Octobre the xiij. yere of his reigne.

[Oxford University.]

[Studley Priory.]

* leaf 135, back. and confirmation of it.

* leaf 137, back. About 1210.

* The parissh of Seynt Petir in the Bailly.

[705.] A Charter of Petir fitz Geffrey and Alice his wyf I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for ij. meses in Oxenford' with the bildynges vpon the same meses, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Peter son of Jeffrey,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir fitz Geffrey and Alice his wyf, with the assente of henry ther sone, yaf, and graunted', to god' & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng' god, ij. meses in Oxenford', with the bildynges beyng' aboue the same meses, with all the pertynentis, that is to sey, tho meses that ben' bitwene the chirche of seynt Petir beside the castell' and the house of Alfrey hore, for the helth' of ther soules and of all ther aunceters and successours, into pure and perpetuel almesse: To be hold' and to be had', so frely and quyetly for euer as ony almesse was I-wonyd' best and freliest to be yeve, savyng' the service of the lordes the which the same

of two messuages next the church,

meses oughten, to Walter Foliot and to his heires (that is to sey) xij. d. by the yere, and to William Harecourte and to his heires, ij. *shillings* by the yere, for all services the which longe to them or to ther heires: and hit is to be know that Petir fitz Geffrey and his heires oughten to * Warantize the said meses to the forsaid mynchons for euer. And that this, & *cetera*[1]. subject to quit-rents. * leaf 138.

[706.] * A Charter of Felice, abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to laurence halygode, for their lond beside seynt Petirs chirche-yerde be-side the Castell of Oxenforde, & *cetera*. * leaf 138, back. About 1220.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Felice, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Covent of the same place, graunted and lete to laurence halygode theire lond the which lieth beside seynt Petirs chirch-yerde, beside the * Castell of Oxenford[2] and the lond that Robert Pultue held, *with* all the bildyngis: To be had and to be hold, al so longe as the said laurence lived or moolde his wyf the doughter of Thomas fitz With (yf she ouerlived hym and bode *with*out husbond), yeldyng therof yerely xx. *shillings* ij. d, for all seruyce; wherof the forsaid laurence ought to aquyte them ayenst Petir fitz Geffrey and Alice his wyf yerely of xx. *shillings* al so longe as they liveden, and to them, that is to sey, the abbesse and Couente abouesaid, ij. d. yerely at Mighelmasse. And after the decesse of Moolde[3] fitz Geffrey and alice his wyf, the forseid laurence sholde yelde to the forsaid house of Godestowe the forsaid xx. *shillings*. And after the decesse of laurence and his wyf moolde, or yf she were wedded to another man, the forsaid lond sholde abide and remayn, fre and quyte fro them and ther heires, to the howse of Godestowe, with all the bildynges. And that this ther graunte, & *cetera*. Lease for two lives, by Godstow, to Laurence Halegod * leaf 139. and wife, of house next the churchyard; quit-rents, 20*s*. and 2*d*., re-marriage of the widow to break the lease.

[707.] * A quyte-clayme of Iohn halygood and Anneys his wyf made to the mynchons of Godestowe for an house beside the Chirche-yerde of seynt Petir in the Bailly. * leaf 137, back. About 1250.

THE sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iohn halygood and Anneys his wyf yaf, graunted, and quyte-claymed, for them and Sale to Godstow, by John

[1] 'Torald cordwaner' is witness. [2] See nos. 523, 524. [3] Read 'Petir.'

Halegod, of his tenant's interest in a Godstow tenement (no. 706).

ther heires, to Emme Bluet, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and to the Couent of the same place, all the right and clayme that he had, or myght have, in a house, *with* the *per*tynentis, beside seynt Petir chirche hay[1] in the bailly, the which he held to ferme of the forsaid abbesse and Couent of Godestowe for xl. *shillings* yerely, the which house Petir fitz Geffrey yaf to the house of Godestowe in-to *per*petuel almesse, that is to sey, that nother Iohn nother Anneys his wyf nother ther heires shold never haue power to wronge[2] that house, *with* the *per*tynentis. And for this yifte & *cetera* the forsaid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe yaf to them iiij. li. and an half of siluer to ther most grete nede. And for-as-moch as they wold that this relese and quyte-clayme shold be sure to them and to ther heir*es*, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £4 10*s*.

* leaf 138. About 1254.

[708.] * A quyte-clayme of Anneys somtyme the wyf of Iohn halygoode of Oxenford I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for a mese beside Seynt Petirs chirche-yerde in the Bailly, & *cetera*.

Sale to Godstow, by Agnes, widow of John Halegod, of all title in nos. 706, 707,

The sentence of this char*ter* quyte-clayme is, that Anneys, the relicte of Iohn halygode of Oxenford, in her owne lawfull wedowhode and power, relesed graunted and quyte-claymed all his right and clayme that she had, or myght haue, to the abbesse of Godestowe, in the name of her dowery, into all that mese, *with* the bildyngis and all his othere *per*tynentis, beside seynt Petirs chirche-yerde in the bailly, the which Iohn halygode somtyme her husbond held to ferme of the forsaid mynchons;

and in a messuage in St. Giles.

And all her right and clayme that she had, or myght have, into all that mese, *with* his *per*tynentis, the which lieth bitwene the lond of Richard Cokkesham of the one *par*te and the lond of Iohn Culuerd of the other, in the parissh of seynt Gyle in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, of her and her heires for euer: So that the forsaid Anneys shold not have power afterward to axe ony right or occasion of right in the forsaid two meses, *with* ther *per*tynentis, nother in no other

[1] 'Hay' seems to mean the fence of the churchyard. The Latin is: 'iuxta cimiterium beati Petri in Ballio.'

[2] Mis-translation for 'claim.' The Latin is: 'neque unquam calumpniam in praedicta domo habere poterimus.'

wise, *with*-in the borough or *with*-out. And for this her relese and quyte-clayme, the said mynchons yaf to her xvj. *shillings* viij. d. before-handes. Into witnesse, & *cetera*[1]. Purchase-money, 16*s.* 8*d.*

[709.] *A quyte-clayme of Walter Goldsmyth I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for a mese with the partynentis, & *cetera*. * leaf 138. About 1254.

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Walter Goldsmyth of Oxenford graunted lete and quyteclaymed, for hym and his heires for euer, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for ever, all that mese, with all his pertynentis, that lieth bitwene the lond of Raaf Sopere of the one parte and the lond of William of the hille of the other parte, in seynt Petirs parissh of the west in the towne of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, for hym and his heires, to the said mynchons and to ther successours for ever, frely quyetly holy wele and in pease, *with* all right and clayme that he had or myght haue in the said mese *with* all his pertynentis. And for this graunte & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym x. *shillings* of sterlynges in-to warison. And that this graunte, & *cetera*[2]. Sale to Godstow, by Walter Goldsmith, of all title in a messuage. Purchase-money, 10*s.*

[710.] A Couenaunte bitwene dame Moolde Beauchamp, abbesse of Godestowe, and Adam Longe of Oxenford, for a mese I-called halygoode halle, & *cetera*. 133⅞, Jan. 30.

The sentence of this couenaunte is, that there was a couenaunte I-made bitwene dame moolde Bewchamp, abbesse of Godestowe, and þe Covente of the same place of the one parte, and Adam longe of Oxenford * of the other parte, in this wyse: that is to sey, that the said abbesse and Couente toke, graunted, and lete to ferme, to the forsaid Adam, fro the fest of the Annunciacioun of oure lady next to be, vnto the terme of xl. yere fro that tyme contynewelly folowyng fully complete, A mese in Oxenford, I-called halygode-halle, in seynt Petir parissh in the Lease by Godstow, to Adam Long, * leaf 138, back. for 40 years,

[1] Adam Feteplace, *maior* of Oxford, is a witness.

[2] Among the witnesses are Adam Feteplace, *maior*, and John de Coleshulle and John Pady, *ballivi*, of Oxford.

of Halegod, hall (no. 706),

Bailly, I-sette bitwene the tenemente of the said' abbesse and Couente of the South parte and the tenement of William Pennarde of the north parte: To be had' and to be hold', with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid' Adam to the terme of xl. yere aforsaid', yf he lived', of the said' abbesse and Couente, yeldyng therof yerely to the said' abbesse and Couente and to theire successours xiij. shillings iiij. d'. of sterlyngis, at iiij. vsuall termes of the yere by even porcions duryng the forsaide terme. And the forsaid' Adam shold' susteyn the said' mese thurgh all the terme aforsaid', with his owne costis, and shold' repaire and amende the defawtes in the same whan hit were nede. And also he shold' leve hit in al so good' state or better as he resceived' hit; and [yf] he bilded' ony thyng of new, hit shold' remayne to the said' abbesse and Couente and to ther successours whan-so-ever the forsaid' Adam yode away fro the said' ferme. And hit shold' not be lawfull to the said' Adam to lete to ony man the said' mese with-in the said' terme, without the assent of the said' abbesse and Covente. Furthermore, yf the forsaid' rente of xiij. shillings iiij. d'. were behynde, in parte or in all, after the termes aboue I-sette, that god forbede, than hit shold' be lawfull to the said' abbesse and Couente and to ther successours to entre the said' mese and to distreyne the aforenamed' Adam thurgh all his catall I-founde bothe in the said' mesis or els-where, and to holde the distreynyngis tille that hit were fully I-satisfyed' of the said' rente and of the arreragis of them, yf there were ony, and to hold' agayne the said' mese, with all ther pertynentis, into ther owne vsis for euer, with-out ony maner impedimente or reteynyng of ony maner men. And yf hit happe the said' Adam to decesse with-in the said' terme, than the said' mese shold' turne agayn fully to the said' abbesse and Couente, anon after the decese of hym, with all his pertynentis, with-out ony agayn-saiyng. And the forsaide Abbesse and Couente and ther successours shold' warantiȝe and defende the said' mese, with all his pertynentis, to the said' Adam duryng the terme of xl. yere aforsaid', yf he lived', in the forme aforsaid'. Into witnesse they put to theire seales, euerych to others writyng. The date at Godestow, the friday next afore Candelmasse, the xij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward' the thirde after the conquest.

yearly rent, 13s. 4d.,

under obligation to repair,

and to leave new buildings (if any) to Godstow, and under covenant not to sub-let.

Powers of distraint.

Death of lessee to terminate the lease.

[Candlemas = Febr. 2.]

[ST. PETER'S PARISH IN THE EAST. See under Holywell parish, and under Wolvercote in Oxfordshire.]

*** The parissh of Seynt Thomas.** * leaf 139.

[711.] A Charter of Iohane the doughter of Osbert Smarth of Oxenford I-made to hugh hore of Oxenford for a parte of her londe, & *cetera*. About 1254.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohane, the doughter of Osbert Smarth of Oxenford, in her owne fre wedowhode, yaf & *cetera*, to hugh hore, mercere, of Oxenford, a parte of her lond the which the forsaid Osbert her fadir yaf into fre mariage, that is to sey, that parte the which is I-couered with stone, with all his pertynentis, the which is bitwene ther parte of that lond and the lond of Thomas fitz Walter in the which that tyme William Witney dwelled, in seynt Thomas parissh the martir, toward the brynke of Thamyse, in the subarbis of Oxenford: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid hugh and to his heires or to whom or which so-euer he wold yeve selle bequeth or assigne hit, in helthe or in sikenesse, with-in religion or with-out, frely quyetly holy pesibly and worshipfully for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to the prioresse of litelmore or to her attorney xij. d. at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse iij. d, at cristmasse iij. d, at our lady day in marche iij. d, and at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist iij. d; and to the said Iohane and to her heires j. d. at Mighelmasse, for all seruyce exaccion and demaunde. And Iohane and her heires warantized all the forsaid parte of the lond afore I-named to the forsaid hugh and to his heires and to his assignes ayenst all men, bothe cristen and Iewes for euer. * And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid hugh yaf to her afore-handes two marke of siluer into warison to his grete nede. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*[1].

Sale to Hugh Hore, by Joan Smarth, of land next the Thames,

subject to quit-rents of 1*s.* to Littlemore Priory, and of 1*d.* to the mesne lord.

* leaf 139, back. Purchase-money, £1 6*s.* 8*d.*

[712.] A Charter of Walter fitz Robert of Sheueleswelle I-made to Alisaundre Couele myllere and to moolde his wyf for all his lond with þe pertinentes. About 1280.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Robert of Sheueleswelle[2] yaf, & *cetera*, to Alisaundre Couele and to molde

Sale to Alexander of Cowley,

[1] Among the witnesses are Adam Fetcplace, *maior*; Adam son of Walter and Robert Bonvaleth, *ballivi*, of Oxford.

[2] In the Latin 'Cheveleswelle' in the rubric, but 'Sheveleswelle' in the text.

by Walter of (? Childswell), of land,

his wyf, all his lond, *with* all the *per*tynentis, that lond, that is to sey, the which is beside the londe somtyme of humfrey Fissher of the one *par*te and the kyngis wey of the other *par*te, in seynt Thomas parissh the martir, in the subarbis of Oxenford, the which lond fille to hym by the name of his fadir heritably: To be had and to be hold, *with* all his *per*tynentis, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said Alisaundre and molde his wyf and to ther heires or ther assignes or whom-so-eu*er* or which-so-eu*er* and whan-so-eu*er* he wolde yeve bequeth selle or assigne hit, frely quyetly wele and in pease for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to the abbot of Oseneye vj. *shillings* at ij. *ter*mes, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse iij. *shillings* and at oure lady day in march iij. *shillings*; And to hym and to his heires at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist j. clowe-gelofre, for all seculer *ser*uyce exaccion and demaunde. And the fore-named Walter and his heires or his assignes warantized aquyted and defended for eu*er* the said lond, *with* all his *per*tynentis, to the forenamed Alisaundre and to Mawde his wyf. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Alisaundre and molde his wyf yaf to hym vj. marks and j. half marke of sterlyngis before handes in warison. And that this his yifte sholde be sure, & *cetera*[1].

subject to quit-rents of 6*s.* to Oseney,

and a clove at Midsummer to the mesne lord.

Purchase-money, £4 6*s.* 8*d.*

[Rollright.]

[Note.—Godstow held tithe in Rollright prior to pope Eugenius III's confirmation (no. 901) in 1145, and so probably of the gift of Thurstan, 'dispensator' to Henry II. His son Thomas, who is mentioned in the first deed following, was apparently rector of Rollright. This titho seems lost or alienated before the *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* of pope Nicholas IV in 1291.]

* leaf 156, back. About 1184.

[713.] * An amycable composicion bitwene the Abbesse of Godestowe and Thomas fitz Turstyne, vpon the Tythes of the Demaynes of Rollendrith, & *cetera*.

* leaf 157. Agreement with Godstow, by Thomas Despencer,

* The sentence of this frendly composicion is, that ther was a contrau*er*sie I-meved bitwene the Abbesse of Godestowe and Thomas fitz Turstyne, vpon the tythes of the demayn of Rollendrith: at the last hit was accorded in this wyse, þat is to sey,

[1] Among the witnesses are Henry Owayn, *maior*, and Nicholas Goldsmith and Elias le coilter, *ballivi*, of Oxford: Jeffrey piscator, &c.

that the rectors of Rollright shall pay Godstow 8*s.* yearly in lieu of tithe.

that the forsaid' Thomas and his successours shold' pay to þe chirch of Godestowe euery yere viij. *shillings* of the forsaid' chirch of Rollendrith in the name of the forsaid' tythes, in the fest of seynt Mighell'; so, that is to sey, þat the chirch of Godestowe by the occasion of the forsaid' rent shold' neuer have no chalenge of right in the forsaid' chirch. This couenaunte confermed' the forsaid' Thomas, with an othe bodely. And bothe he and his fadir Turstyne strengthed' hit with the puttyng to of the[r] seale. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

[Note.—This document seems to provide a hitherto unknown abbess about the beginning of the list. It begins: 'Sciant . . . quod Agnes abbatissa de Godestowe.' The witnesses (Exchequer MS., leaf 140) are Godfrey, abbot of Eynsham (1152–96), Philip, prior of St. Frideswyde's (1180–92), Richard, deputy archdeacon of Oxford (1186 onwards), and Luke, janitor of Godstow. The agreement was reached 'in sinodo Oxon,' i. e. the annual meeting of the clergy of the archdeaconry of Oxford. Rev. H. Salter points out the interesting fact that the monk of Eynsham, in his vision at Easter 1196, saw in mild torments a venerable abbess 'of a neighbouring convent,' who had died 'presenti anno' (April 1195—April 1196). This must be Godstow, since Littlemore and Studley were under prioresses. Probably, therefore, we have, in 1195, the death of this Agnes.]

[714.] * A-nother Charter of Turstan the kyngis boteler confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe the forsaid' viij. *shillings*.

1234, Nov. 29.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Thurstan Despencer, of no. 713.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Turstan the kynges botelere[1] of Englond', with the consent and wille of ser Raaf Botelere his brother and person of the chirch of Rollendrith, confermed' with this his present charter, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe, the yifte of his auncetours, þat is to sey, viij. *shillings* yerely, the which they were I-woned' to take for þe tithes of his demayn of Rollendrith, that fro that tyme forth the said' mynchons shold' take frely quyetly and pesibly the said' viij. *shillings* yerely of the said' Raaf his brother and of his successours for euer. And that this confirmacion and yifte of his auncetours, & *cetera*. The date, in the yere of grace a M[l].CC.xxxiiij., in the vigile of Seynt Andrew, at Godestowe.

[1] 'dispensator' in the Latin.

1234, Nov. 29. **[715.] A Charter of Raaf Spenser, person of the chirch of Rollendrith, confermyng the same viij. shillings & cetera.**

Confirmation to Godstow, by Ralph Despencer, rector of Rollright, of no. 713.

The sentence of this charter is that Raaf Spenser, person[1] of the chirch of Rollendrith, wele knew and confermed with this present charter, to god & cetera and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, viij. shillings of rente, the which they toke of hym, and of his aunceturs of the chirch of Rollendrith they were I-wonyd to take euery yere in the name of a ferme, that is to sey, for the tythes of the demayn of sire Turstan the kyngis boteler of Englond: wherfor the same Raaf by-hete and promysed, by his feith, to god and to oure lady and to seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons of the same place, the said viij. shillings yerely at Mighelmasse, without ony withholdyng and agayn-saiyng, as his predecessours had I-paid. And that this his recognycion and paiyng shold be sure, & cetera.

[Shillingford, with Bensington, and Warborough.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow received from the demesne land at Shillingford a rent of 16 quarters of wheat and 16 quarters of barley. Wheat was then valued at 5*s.* a quarter and barley at 3*s.*, making the land worth £6 8*s.* a year. The yearly quit-rents from the copyholds came to £2 12*s.* 8*d.* A sum of 7*d.* was paid to the Prince of Wales, as Earl of Cornwall, as due to his court of Bensington.]

* leaf 162, back. About 1140. **[716.] *A Charter of kynge Stephyn, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for ij. hydis of lond and an half and half a yerd of londe in Shillyngforde.**

Grant to Godstow, by king Stephen, of 2½ hides + ½ a yardland.

The sentence of this charter is that kynge Stephyn willed to be know to the Bisshop of lyncolne, and to Iusticis, Sherefis, Barons and mynystres, and to all his trew men of Oxenfordshire, that he yaf and graunted, into perpetuel almesse, to the chirch of oure lady of Godestowe and to the mynchons seruyng god in hit, ij. hides of lond and j. half, and half a yerde, in Shillyngforde: wherfor he willed and comaunded that that chirche and mynchons shold haue that lond, wele and in pease,

[1] 'rector' in the Latin (Exchequer MS., leaf 140, back).

frely and quyetely, *with* all fre customes *per*teynyng to the same lond, and that londe to be lowse and quyet fro all seculer exaccion and *ser*uyce. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

[717.] *A Charter of Walter, Archedekon of Oxenford, for the lond of Shillyngford the which Brytyn his leman held, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe. * leaf 158, back. About 1140.

* The sentence of this evidence is, that Walter, Archedekon of Oxenford, shewyng that he made the chirche of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe heire of the lond of Shillyngford, the which Brytyn his leman held by right heritage, and wherof she made hym heire. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*. * leaf 159. Grant to Godstow, by Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, of land.

[Note.—The Latin is: 'hereditavi ecclesiam de Godstow de terra de Schillingford quam Brityna amica mea hereditario jure tenuit et inde ipsa hereditavit me.']

[718.] *A Charter of Moolde the Emperesse I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe for the londe of Shillyngforde, & *cetera*. * leaf 161, back. About 1142.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde the Emperesse the doughter of kyng henry and lady of Englond, and henry her sone, willed to be know to Archebisshoppes, bishoppes, Abbottis, Erles, Barons, Iustices, Sherefes, Mynystres, and to ther trew men (Frenssh and Englissh) of all Englond, that they yaf, and graunted, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons there seruyng god for euer, into perpetuel almesse, for the soule of henry her fadir, Moolde the quene her modir, and of all her trew auncetours dede, and for the helth of the sowles of her lord[1] Geffrey duke of Aunge and her, and for the state of the kyngdome of Englond, the lond of Shillyngford, the which is of the tenure of Bensyntoñ, that Raaf Scribe held to ferme euery yere for lij. *shillings* vj. d. They willed also and comavnded that they shold hold hit al so worshipfully wele and pesibly, frely and quyetly, *with* tol and team, sok and sake, Infangetiethef, and all other customes and fredoms, *with* ony almesse in Englond, most freliest, quyettisly, and best, I-holde. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Grant, or Confirmation, to Godstow, by Maud empress, lady of England, and her son Henry, of no. 716, now described as Ralph Scribe's land (held at £2 12*s*. 6*d*. yearly) and its manorial rights.

[1] Geoffrey V. of Anjou died 1150. This deed, from the wording, is therefore earlier than that date.

* leaf 158, back. About 1160.

[719.] *A Charter of Geffrey Iuore, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for a lond that is I-called the Gare.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Jeffrey of Ivore, of land

THE sentence of this charter is, that Geffrey Iuore yaf, & *cetera*, for the helthe of his soule and of his predecessours and successours, yelded and graunted, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, the lond that is I-called in englissh the Gare, beside the wey by[1] the which hit is to go fro werborow to holecombe of the sowthe-west side, where Edward dwelled, right I-know in the same lond of the forsaid holy mynchons, by the witnesse of his halymote: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, frely and quyetly fro all seculer seruyce and exaccion, into perpetuel almesse and euerlastyng possession. Of this recognycion of the right of the said mynchons, yeldyng, and of his graunte, these were witnesse vndir-writte: Alurede[2], abbot of Dorchester, & *cetera*, and also his hallymote, by whos conscience the recognycion of right of longe tyme of the forsaid mynchons, fully I-made and I-confermed, sholde never be wyth-drawe.

[Warborough.]

unjustly occupied by him,

made in his manorial court.

About 1160.

[720.] A Recognycion of Geffrey of Iuore, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for half a yerd of lond the which was of Wulrice Hargnorde, and of a mede I-called letle mede, and Commune pasture.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Jeffrey of Ivore, of land, meadow, and pasture-rights, unjustly occupied by him.

THE sentence of this evidence is, that Geffrey Iuore, after the recognycion I-made of the right of the mynchons of Godestowe of the half yerde of lond the which he had hold longe wrongfully, that is to sey, that that was of wulrice haignorde, and of a mede that is I-called letlemede, and[3] commyne pasture, as the charter of the Emperesse witnessith, of the yifte and of the confirmacion of the kyng, so he yelded to them, vttirly and quyetly and frely, to be hold as fre almesse. These beyng, & *cetera*.

[1] In the Latin: 'viam qua itur de Guerburga ad Holecumbe a parte australi occidentis.'

[2] Alfred, abbot of Dorchester, 1146–63.

[3] 'Commune a pasture' in margin.

[721.] *A Charter of William fitz Geffrey of Wardeborow, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for all his parte that he had in a pasture that is I-called the lynche. * leaf 158. About 1200?

Grant to Godstow, by William son of Jeffrey, of Warborough, of his interest in 'the Lynch' (pasture) in Bensington.

THE sentence of this charter is that William fitz Geffrey wardeborow yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, all his parte that he had in a pasture[1] that is I-called the lynche in the maner of Bensyntoñ. And for al so moche as he wold that his yifte, & *cetera*.

[722.] *A Charter of Walter Angetil, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for j. acre of londe in Scillyngforde. * leaf 157. About 1200?

Grant to Godstow, by Walter son of Angetil, of 1 acre, and his interest in 'the Lynch.'

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Angetil for goddis sake and for the helth of his soule and of his auncetours and successours, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, j. acre of lond in the feld of Scillyngforde, in a tilthe that is I-called presteforlonge, that is to sey, that þat is next to the lond of the same abbesse and Couente after the departyng of the lond of William fitz Rikild; and all the parte of his pasture of the lynche, the which longed to hym: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, frely and quyetly * fro all seculer seruyce and demaunde for euer. And the same Walter and his heires warantized the forsaid acre of lond and the forsaid pasture to the forsaid mynchons Ayenst all men. And that this his charter, & *cetera*. * leaf 157, back.

[723.] A Charter of Walter fitz Anketil, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for ij. acris of lond in the feld of Bensyntoñ. About 1200?

Grant to Godstow, by Walter son of Anketil, of 2 acres in Bensington,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter fitz Anketil yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, into pure and perpetuel almesse ij. acris of his lond in the feld of Bensyntoñ, with his pertynentis, in a tilthe that is I-called presteforlonge, that is to sey, j. acre[2] that lieth bitwene

[1] 'Pasture' in margin.
[2] 'Pasture for ij Akers yn bensyndon,' in margin.

and of his interest in 'the Lynch.'

the abbesse lond in the same tilthe, and another þat is I-called Fordhsotere bitwene the lond of sire fitz Fowke and the lond of Roger fitz Roger; and all his parte that is I-called the lynche. And the forsaid Walter and his heires warantized the forsaid 4 acris, with the pasture, to the forsaid mynchons. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

About 1250?

[724.] A Charter of Walter Cotel, I-made to the mynchons of Godestow, for iij. acris in the feld of Scillyngforde, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Walter Cotel,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Walter Cotel yaf, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng 8 god, for the helth of his soule and of his fadir and modir sowles and his auncetours and successours, into pure and perpetuel almesse, iij. acris of lond in þe feld of Scillyngford, as ony almesse myght be best and freliest I-yeve, that is to sey, tho the 12 which he held heritably of the fee of Richard Restwelle, that is

of 1 acre, and of 2 acres.

to sey, j. acre at the hede of the tilthe that is I-called trente Acris[1], the which strecchith into grenewey, and ij. acris in streteforlonge, the which strecch into the wey bitwene Scillyng- 16 ford and Sildenebrige[2]. And that this his yifte, [& *cetera*].

* leaf 158. About 1250?

[725.] *A Charter of Milo Richemount, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for j. half acre in the towne of Scillyngforde.

Grant to Godstow, by Milo Richmont, of a half-acre.

THE sentence of this charter is that Mylo Richemount yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, j. half acre of lond in the towne of 20 Scillyngford, that is to sey, that that is in the feld of Occhestowe, the which lieth bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe, that is to sey, bytwene one acre of lond of the one partie and half an acre on the other parte: To be hold and to 24 be had, frely quyetly and pesibly, to be possessed into pure and perpetuell almesse. And that, & *cetera*.

[1] ? Thirty-acres. [2] ? Shillingford Bridge.

[726.] A Charter of Richard fitz Restewolde confermyng to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ij. acris of Lond in Scillyngford. About 1250?

Sale to Godstow, by Richard son of Restwold, of 2 acres.

THE sentence of this charter is that Richard fitz Restewold confermed, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, ij. acris of lond, of the which one acre lieth beside the x. acris the which ben to the forsaid mynchons, that is to sey, that same that strecchith hit-self into that forere that lieth atte hede of the same crofte the which Robert Smyth held; and another acre that lieth bitwene the lond of the forsaid mynchons and the lond of Gerard Shelyngford in merisforlonge, that, that is to sey, that strecchith toward the South into þe common pasture of wardborow and toward the north into a Forere þe which Robert kyngesham held: To be had and to be hold, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, into pure and perpetuell almesse. And Richard fitz Restewold acquyted to the forsaid chirch and to the holy mynchons the forsaid acris fro all seculer seruyce and exaccion. And yf hit happened that they[1] myght not warantize, then he sholde yeve to them eschaunge to the worthe of the same acris in al thynges of there[2] other tenement. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid mynchons yaf to hym xxx. *shillings* of siluer of the charite of ther howse. And that, & *cetera*.

Purchase-money, £1 10s.

[727.] * A Charter of Raaf Restewelle fitz Richard Restwelle of Bensynton confermyng to the mynchons of Godestow all the lond that he[3] had of Richard his fadir. * leaf 157, back. About 1260.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Ralph son of Richard son of Restwold, of lands given by his father, and grant of an additional headland.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raaf fitz Richard Restewolle confermed, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god and to serue for ever, all the lond that he[3] had of the yifte of Richard his fadir, as the charter of the same Richard Restewelle, the which they have, shewith and witnessith; And forere or forowe of his lond in the feld of Scillyngforde: the tilthe strecchith vpon a tilthe of the lady Abbesse of bothe partie, And the forsaid forere strecchith hit-self vpon the lond of the Abbesse in the west parte And in the Est parte hit strecchith hit-self vpon the lond of the kyng of

[1] Read 'he.' [2] Read 'his.' [3] Read 'they.'

Almayñ[1] in the maner of Bensyntoñ: To be had' and to be hold', frely quyetly holy wele and in pease fro all seculer exaccioñ, demaunde, seculer seruyce, and sute of Courte, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, al so goodly and frely as ony almesse myght be yove for euer. And the forsaid' Raaf fitz Restwel and his heires or his assignes shold' warantize aquyte and defende for euer all the forsaid' lond', as hit is dyuyded', to * leaf 158. the forsaid' mynchons *and to there successours ayenst all men and women. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*.

1295, April 21. **[728.] A quyte-clayme of henry Mylis of Shillyngford' I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. acre of londe.**

Sale to Godstow, by Henry Miles, for 10s., of all claim in an acre. * leaf 158, back.

THE sentence of this quyteclayme is, that henry Mylys yaf graunted' relesed' and vtterly quyte-claymed', for hym and his heires or his assignes for ever, to the abbesse of Godestowe and to the Couente of the same place, for x. *shillings* of siluer the which Iohn Stablere of bloxham yaf hym before-handis into warisoñ, all his right and clayme that he euer had' or myght haue in ony wise in one acre of arable lond', with * the pertynentis, the which he held' of the forsaid' abbesse and Couente, the which lieth in the feld' of Scillyngford' bitwene his lond' and the lond' of Iohn Coppe And strecchith hit-self toward' the south parte in-to the kyngis wey and toward' the north parte in a tilthe that is called' Stanlynke: To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' abbesse and Couente and to ther successours, frely quyetly wele pesibly holy and by right heritage, *with*out ony *with*holdyng' of hym or his heires or his assignes for euer: so, that is to sey, that nother the forsaid' henry Mylis, nother his heires, nother his assignes, ne none other for hym or in his right, myght neuer clayme, chalange, take, reclayme, nother axe, fro that tyme forth, ony thyng' of right, or of clayme, or of wronge, in the forsaid' acre of lond', *with* the pertynentis. [George = Apr. 23.] Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*. The date at Shillyngford', the thursday next afore the fest of Seynt George martir, the xxix. yere of the reigne of kyng' Edward' the sone of kynge henry.

[1] Richard, earl of Cornwall, elected King of the Romans, 1256.

[729.] *A Charter of Ascelyne, the doughter of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngforde, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for all that lond and tenement that come to her by right heritage of her fadir.

* leaf 159. 1321, June 27.

Grant to Godstow, by Ascelyne Tokeman, of lands in Shillingford and Warborough, viz. 12 acres arable,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Ascelyn the doughter of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngford, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestow ther seruyng god, all that lond and tenement the which come to her by right heritage, after the deth of the said Richard her fadir, in the towne and the feldes of Shillyngford and Warborow, that is to sey, ij. acris of arable lond lyng to-gedir in the felde of Shillyngford, bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Symond Preste, and they strecche them-self fro the north toward the sowthe beside the kyngis wey; And j. acre lyng in le groundell, beside the lond somtyme of henry Sturmonde of either side, And hit strecchith hit-self fro the north toward the South beside the kyngis hye wey; and ij. acris lyng to-gedir in west-crofte, beside the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe of the one partie and þe kyngis wey of the other parte, and hit strecchith fro the Est toward þe west; And j. lond lyng in the feld of Warborow in Chalkeforlonge, beside the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe, And hit strecchith fro the north toward the sowth; And j. acre lyng in the same quarter or quarenten bitwene the lond of William Cotere and the lond of William Blundell; And j. acre lyng in the same feld, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestow of the Est parte and the lond of Iohn Atthelam of the west parte, And hit strecchith fro the north into the South; And one acre lyng at litelmerssh, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of William Gerard of Bensyntoñ, and hit strecchith hit-self fro the Est toward the west; And one hede acre lyng in puse-furlonge, beside the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe of the est parte, and hit strecchith hit-self fro the north toward the Sowthe; And ij. acris lyng to-gedir in the feld of Shillyngford beside the lond of hugh lyard, And hit strecchith fro the north toward the sowthe; And iij. acris of mede lyng to-gedris in the mede of the abbesse of Godestowe of either side: To be had and to be hold, with all the pertynentis in ony wise perteynyng

and 3 acres meadow,

to the said lond, of the chief lordis of the fee by seruyce dew and I-wonyd therof. And the forsaid Ascelyne and her heires warantized and defended for euer all the forsaid lond, with all his pertynentis[1], medis, fedyngis, and pasturis aforsaid, to the forsaid chirch and mynchons ayenst all peple. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*, shold abide sure for euer, she strengthed hit with the pryntyng of her seale, the saturday next after the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist, the xiiij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

with rights of pasture,

* leaf 160, back. 1322, July 24.

[730.] * A Charter of Ascelyne, the doughtir of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngforde, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for all that lond and tenement that come to her by right heritage, & *cetera*.

Duplicate of no. 729, but with later date.

The sentence of this charter is, that Ascelyne, the doughtir of Richard Tokeman of Shillyngford, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, all that tenement and lond that come to her by right heritage, after the deth of Richard aforsaid her fadir, in the towne and feldes of Shillyngford and Warborow, that is to sey, ij. acris of arable lond liyng to-gedir in the feld of Shillyngford, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Symond Prest, and strecchith hem-self fro the north toward the sowthe beside the kyngis wey; And j. acre liyng in le grundle, bitwene the lond somtyme of henry Sturmond of either parte, and strecchith hit-self fro the northe toward the sowthe beside the kyngis wey; And ij. acris liyng to-gedir in west-crofte, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe of the one parte and the kyngis wey of the other, and they strecche them-self fro the Est toward the west; And one acre liyng in the felde of Warborow in Chalkeforlonge, beside the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe, * And strecchith hit-self fro the north to the sowthe; And j. acre liyng in the same quarentene or quarter, bitwene the lond of William Cotere and the lond of William Blundel; And j. acre liyng in the same feld, bitwene the lond of the abbesse of Godestow of the Est parte and the lond of Iohn

* leaf 161.

[1] *Pasture*, in margin.

Athelam of the west *parte*, and hit strecchith hit-self fro the north into the sowthe; And j. acre liyng in litelmerssh, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe and the lond of Walter Gerard of bensynton, and hit strecchith hit-self fro the Est toward the west; And j. hede acre liyng in puseforlonge, beside the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe of the Est and hit strecchith hit-self fro the north toward the sowthe; And ij. acris liyng to-gedir in the feld of Shillyngford, beside the lond of hugh lyard, and they strecche hem-self fro the north toward the sowthe; And iij. acris of mede liyng to-gedir in the mede of the Abbesse of Godestowe of either *parte*: To be had and to be hold, *with* all ther *per*tynentis longyng to the said lond, of the chief lordis of the fee by dew *ser*uyce therof and I-wonyd. And the forsaid Ascelyne warantized and defended for eu*er* all the forsaid lond, *with* all his[1] *per*tynentis, medys, fedyngis, and pasturis, to the forsaid chirch and mynchons, ayenst all peple. And that this her yifte, & *cetera*, shold be sure, she strengthed *þis present charter with* the pryntyng of her seale. The saturday next aft*er* the fest of Seynt marye Mawdeleyn, the xvj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward.

[731.] * A Charter of the Abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to walter lieveson of Bensynton and to Emme his wyf and to william ther son, for a Cotage in Shillyngforde, & *cetera*.

* leaf 159, back. 1322, April 11.

Lease for three lives, by Godstow, to Walter Leveson, his wife, and son, of a cottage, with pasture-rights,

THE sentence of this charter is, that the Abbesse of Godestowe and *þe* Couente of the same place, *with* one assent and consent, graunted, & *cetera*, to walter lieveson of Bensynton and to Emme his wyf and to william ther son to the *terme* of her[2] lyf, all that Cotage that Iohn Bacoune held somtyme of them in Shillyngford; And also pasture for iij. kene[3] at the brech, the which the same Iohn held also of them: To be had and to be hold, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, to the forsaid Walter, Emme, and William, to the *terme* of ther lyf, or to one of them the which over-lived the other, yeldyng therof to them and to ther successours yerely iiij. *shillings* of siluer at ij. vsuell *termes* of the yere, by even porcion, that is to sey, in the fest of

yearly rent, 4*s*.

[1] *Pastures*, in margin.
[2] i.e. their.
[3] 'Pasture for iij. kyne at the Breche,' in margin.

seynt Mighell and of oure lady in Marche. And the forsaid Walter, Emme, and William, shold susteyne the bildyng of the forsaid Cotage and in-closyng, to the terme of the lyf of euerych of them, in such state or better that they resceived them. And the forsaid Abbesse and Couent sholde fynde yerely, to the holdyng vp aforsaid, j. acre of Stobill in the feld of Shillyngford, where-so-ever they wold assigne them, at theire owne wille to be gadered, with ther owne costis. And the forsaid Abbesse and Couente warantized, acquyted, and defended, the forsaid Cotage, with pasture, and with his other pertynentis, to the forsaid Walter, Emme, and William ther son, to the terme of ther lyf, ayenst all peple. Into witnesse of the which & *cetera*. The date at Godestow, the sonday next after the fest of seynt Ambrose, the xv. yere of the reigne of kynge * Edward the son of kynge Edwarde.

under obligation to repair,

Godstow providing stubble.

[Ambrose = April 4.]

* leaf 160.

* leaf 161. 1323, March 27.

[732.] * A quyte-clayme of William fitz Mylytende, knyght, of Shillyngford, quyte-claymyng to the religious ladyes of Godestowe, all the Right that he had in ij. acris and an half of lond liyng in the felde of Shillyngforde, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Milicende, confirmed by her son,

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that William fitz Militende, knyght, of Shillyngford, relesed and vttirly quyte-claymed for euer, of hym and his heires, to the Religious ladyes Margery Dyne, abbesse, and to the Couente of Godestowe and to ther successours, all his right and clayme þat he had, or myght have afterwarde by title of heritage, or in ony wise myght haue, in ij. acris of arable lond and an half liyng in the

of 2 acres, and a half-acre,

felde of Shillyngford, of the which, one lieth in Chalkeforlonge, buttyng vpon the lond of William Totere of the Est parte and the lond of Adam blundel of the west parte; And another acre lieth in the same feld, bitwene the lond of the Abbesse of Godestowe of the one parte and the lond of Athelam of the other; and half one acre lieth in westcrofte, bitwene the lond of Anneys levesone of the one parte and the lond of Anneys Rokemondes;

with pasture-rights.

in [1] medys, fedyngis, and pasturis, and [2] with his porcion of

[1] *Pastures*, in margin.

[2] The deed recites the terms of the mother Milicende's grant. 'His' is in error for 'her.' The Latin runs: 'et cum porcione mea dotis.'

dowery, and *with* all his other *per*tynentis, the which the abouesaid religious women have, and have be I-wonyd to have, of the leuyng of the forsaid Mylitende his modir, of the lordship of the abouesaid religious women in Shillyngford: So that nother the forsaid William, nother his heires, nother none by hym, nother in his name, myght chalenge or axe afterward ony right or clayme in the abouesaid londis or tenementis, *with* medis fedyngis and pastures and *with* all ther other *per*tynentis, as hit is abouesaid, nother in *par*tie nother in all; But that they myght be excluded for eu*er* by this *pre*sent writyng. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Shillyngford, the Sonday next aft*er* the fest of the Annunciacion of our lady, the xvj. yere of the reigne * of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edwarde [1]. [Annunciation = March 25.] * leaf 161, back.

[733.] * A Charter of Moolde Bekenham, I-made to Iohn Depe of Walyngford, for a place of a Curtilage in the towne of Shelyngford. * leaf 159, back. 1332, Sept. 11.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moold Bekenham yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn Depe of Walyngford, one place of a curtilage liyng in the towne of Shillyngford, bitwene the mese of William Wullicus and the mese of Iohn Wullicus, and strecchith hit-self toward the Est vnto the kyngis wey and toward the west vnto the lond of the Abbesse of Godestow; and iiij. acris of arable lond liyng in the feldis of Shillyngforde; And half one acre liyng in the medes of the Abbesse of Godestow: To be had and to be hold, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, of the chief lordis of that fee by right *ser*uyce dew therof and I-wonyd of right for eu*er*. And the forsaid Moolde Bokenham and her heires warantized and defended for eu*er* the forsaid place of a curtilage and iiij. acris *with* an half of mede and ther *per*tynentis to the forsaid Iohn his heires and assignes ayenst all peple. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*. The date at Warborow, the friday next aft*er* the fest of the Natyuyte of our lady, the vj^te^ yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde aft*er* the conquest. Grant to John Deep, by Maud Beckenham, of a messuage, 4 acres arable, and a half-acre of meadow. [Nativity of Mary = Sept. 8.]

[1] Date of Milicende's gift: possibly in error for Edward III, i. e. 1343, March 30. See no. 736.

* leaf 160. 133$\frac{4}{5}$, March 23.

[734.] *A Charter of Iohn Depe of Wallyngford, I-made to william levesoñ of Shillyngford, for a mese and a Curtilage in the same towne of Shillyngforde.

Grant to William Leveson, by John Deep, of no. 733.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Depe of Walyngford yaf, & *cetera*, to william levesoñ of Shillyngforde one mese *with* a curtilage in the towne of Shillyngford, I-sette bitwene the mese of William Willecus and the mese of Iohn Willecus, and strecchith hit-self toward the Est vnto þe kyngis wey [and] west vnto the lond of the abbesse of Godestowe; and iij. acris and iij. roddys of arable lond; and j. half acre of mede, liyng in the mede of the abbesse of Godestowe in the towne of Shillyngford;

of the which j. acre lieth bitwene the lond of william levesoñ; and another bitwene the lond of Walter Thoremonde of either *parte*, and hit strecchith toward the sowthe vnto the kyngis wey that ledith toward Bensyntoñ; And j. other acre lieth in the Gore, bitwene þe lond of the forsaid Abbesse and the lond of william levesoñ; And j. rode lieth in the Chalkeforlonge, bitwene the lond of the said Abbesse and the Est Forere; And one other rode lieth in the x. acris, bitwene the lond of hugh lyard and the lond of the said Abbesse; And one lond lieth Est in le[-]strete, bitwene the lond of the said Abbesse and the lond of the said william levesoñ of the west *parte*; And the forsaid half acre of mede lieth in the medys of the seid abbesse, bitwene the mede of the forsaid william levesoñ of þe west *parte* and the mede of the said abbesse of the Est *parte*:

To be had and to be hold, *with* all ther *pertynentis*, of the chief lordis of that fee, by *seruyce* therof dew and I-woned of right for *euer*. And the forsaid Iohn and his heires warantized and defended for *euer* the forsaid mese, *with* the Curtilage, iij. acris iij. rodis of arable lond, and þe forsaid half acre of mede, *with* ther *pertynentis*, to the forsaid *william*, his heires, and assignes, ayenst all peple. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Shillyngford, the thursday next after the fest of seynt Benet, Abbot, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the thirde after the conquest.

[Benedict, abbot = March 21.]

[735.] A Charter of william leveson of Shillyngford, I-made to Iohn Bury of Morton, for a mese and a Curtilage in Shillyngforde. 1335, May 30.

Grant to John Bury, of Moreton, Berks, by William Leveson, of no. 733.

THE sentence of this charter is, that william leveson of Shillyngforde yaf, *& cetera*, to Iohn Bury of Morton a mese with a curtilage in the towne of Shillyngford aforsaid, I-sette bitwene the mese of Iohn Willecus of the one parte and the mese that Milencense the doughtir of henry Myles yaf to William Willecus of the other parte; and iij. acris and iij. rodis of arable lond; and half one acre of mede, the which he had of the yifte and feffement of Iohn Depe, as hit is I-conteyned in the charter of the feffement of the same Iohn: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid Iohn, his heires, and his assignes, frely, quyetly, * wele, and in pease for euer, of the chief lordes, by seruice dewe therof and I-wonyd of right. And the forsaid william warantized and defended for euer the forsaid mese, lond, and mede, with all ther pertynentis, to the forsaid Iohn and his heires and his assignes ayenst all mortall peple. Into witnesse, *& cetera*. The date at Shillyngford, the Tewesday next after the fest of seynt Austyne, the ix. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the thirde after the Conquest.

* leaf 160, back.

[Augustine = May 26.]

[736.] * A quyte-clayme of William Milsaunde of Shillyngford, quyteclaymyng to the mynchons of Godestowe, ij. acris and j. half acre of arable lond, with one half acre of mede in Shillyngforde, & *cetera*. * leaf 160, back. 1347, Nov. 11.

Confirmation to Godstow, by William son of Milsaunde, of no. 732.

THE sentence of this charter is that William Milsaunde of Shillyngford, relesed, remytted, and for euer quyte-claymed, of hym and his heires, to the ladies Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe and to ther successours, ij. acris and half j. acre of arable lond, with half an acre of mede liyng to the said lond, of the which one acre of lond lieth in Shalforlonge, buttyng vpon the lond of William Totere of the one parte and the lond of Adam Blundell of the other; And j. acre lieth in the same feld bitwene the lond of the forsaid lady abbesse and the lond of Iohn Athelham; and half j. acre lieth in west crofte, bitwene the lond of Alice leveson and the lond somtyme of Rokemond;

And a parte of the mede lieth bitwene the mede of the said lady Abbesse that is I-called Burmede, strecchyng hit-self of bothe parties; so that nother he, nother his heires, nother [any] by them or in ther name, in the forsaid lond and parte of mede, myght not, ne never ought to, chalenge ony thynge afterward ayenst the forsaid lady abbesse and Couente or ther successours. And the forsaid William and his heires warantized and defended for ever by this present writyng the forsaid ij. acres and half one acre of arable lond and half j. acre of mede to the said lady abbesse and Couente and to ther successours ayenst all peple. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Shillyngforde, in the fest of seynt Martyne, the xxj. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the thirde after the Conquest.

[Shipton-under-Wychwood.]

* leaf 149, back. About 1180.

[737.] *** A Charter of Molde, Countesse of Clare, doughter of Iamys seynt hillary, I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe for a marke of siluer in Shiptoñ.**

Grant to Godstow, by Maud, Countess of Clare, of a rent-charge of 6*s*. 8*d*.,

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde, Countesse of Clare[1], dowghtir of Iamys seynt Hillary, yaf into perpetuell almesse, for the soules of her fadir and modir and for the soule of her lord Roger, erle of Clare, and for the helth of her sowle and of her heires, to seynt Iohn Baptist and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe the which day and nyght serue god, j. marke of siluer to be take to them

[Leaf missing.]

* Exchequer MS. leaf 184, back. to buy wine on June 24, the patron saint's day.

[* on Michaelmas-day of the land which Richard son of Alan held in Sipethona, viz. of the land which Asculws of St. Hilary gave to Albric de Spineto. This gift was to buy them wine on St. John Baptist's day.

Witnesses:—James of Clare, Robert of Braibroc, Richard of Willecam, Henry of Eifforde.]

[1] Maud (of St. Hilary), widow of Roger (of Clare), 3rd earl of Hertford (died 1173).

[738.] * A Charter of Isabelle of Clare, lady of Berkley, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe for j. marke of siluer in Shiptō. * leaf 148. 1328, Dec. 20.

Confirmation by Isabella of Clare, lady of Berkeley, of no. 737.

Isabelle of Clare, lady of Berkley [1], willyng this writyng to be know to all cristen men, Seith in this wise, that she saw the charter of moolde, Countesse of Clare, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe in this wise:—'Be hit knowe to them that be now and to come, that Moolde, Countesse of Clare, the doughtir of Iamys seynt hillary, yaf into perpetuell almesse, for the sowles of her fadir and moder and for the sowle of her lorde Roger, Erle of Clare, and for the helth of her sowle and the helthe of ther heires, to god and to seynt Iohn Baptist and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe the which day and nyght serue god, j. marke of siluer to be take to them, in Mighelmasse day I-called', of the lond' of the which Richard' fitz Aleyn held' in Shiptō, that is to sey of the lond' the which Asculus of seynt hillary yaf to Albrike of Spinete. She yaf this a-forsaid' Charter to the forsaid' holy mynchons to bye them wyne in seynt Iohn Baptist day. And that this yifte, & *cetera*.' Also she confermed' the same Charter, and ratefied' it, to the forsaid' mynchons and to ther successours to all ther lyf in the fourme aboue-said'. Into witnesse of the which her seale was I-hanged' to this present writyng. The date at Shiptō, the Tewesday next in the vigile of seynt Thomas the appostle, the seconde yere of the reigne of kyng Edward' the thirde after the conquest.

[Shotover.]

[739. * Grant of wood in Shotover. * Exchequer MS. 134½, Feb. 25.

Grant to Godstow, by Edward III, of wood weekly.

Edward III, 25 Febr. of his 16 year of reign in England and 3 of France, granted to Maud of Beauchamp, abbess of Godstow, for her life-term, every week 3 carts of faggots ('bosc.') to be delivered by the foresters.]

[1] Isabel de Clare (died 1333), widow of Maurice, baron Berkeley (died 1326).

[Great Tew.]

[Note.—The rectory of Great Tew was purchased by money supplied by Margery Dyne, abbess of Godstow 1329–41. By her appointment the income was charged with £2 to keep her own anniversary; 13*s.* 4*d.*, to keep the anniversary of Laura de Hakynton, prioress, who in 1297 had been a benefactress (no. 660); and £2 to keep that of John Trulowe (probably the Trillawe of these deeds), and £2 to keep that of John Walweyn, also benefactors. At the dissolution, 1540, the rectory brought in £20 3*s.* 4*d.*, and the quit-rents on copyholds, £3 6*s.* 4*d.* One of the payments (*Monast.* iv. 372) was 2*s.* for a pound of pepper, to John Reynsforth. For a chantry service in Great Tew church, see no. 248.]

* leaf 166, back. About 1240? Grant to Robert Ingelot, by his father Roger,

[740.] * **A Charter of Roger Ingelot of more Tywe, I-made to Robert his sone, for half of all his londe.**

The sentence of this charter is, that Roger Ingelot of the more Tywe yaf, and graunted, lete, and delyuered, and with this present charter confermed, to Robert his sone, for his homage and seruyce, half of all his lond at the more Tywe, with the pertynentis, as is declared in his writyng, that is to sey, half

* leaf 167. of a moiety of a messuage, and a yardland (with meadow), described by acres, half-acres, roods, and half-roods.

* of all his chief mese and half of all his gardeyne, that is to sey, the north parte of his gardeyne and of his mese, with iij. Cotagis, and half of all his half hyde with all pertynentis bothe in arable lond and in mede, the which Ranulph, Erle of Chestir [1] sometyme yaf to hym:

that is to sey, in the westfeld at Middislade, half an acre, the which lieth beside the lond that was of Aleyne Thurberne; [? half [2] an acre] in another tilthe that is I-called Middellade; j. yerde in a tilthe that is I-called merewelle; half j. acre in holewellehulle; j. half acre at Nectuke; half j. acre at serpelond; j. half acre at Banlond; j. yerde in the northfeld at Brekesme; half an acre at loud watir; j. half acre at shortelongefurlong; half an acre beside Robert Baret at Shulebrede; half an acre at longefurlonge; half an acre beside [the lond] that was of william of welle in hurthwelfurlong; half an acre beside Robert Baret at heryngeborow; j. acre that lieth beside the lond that was of william of the welle at wowclyue; j. half acre beside william of welle at smalecombe; j. half acre at dudemede; j. yerde at heyclyue; j. half [acre] beside the lond that was of Richard yonge atte

[yerde = rood.]

[1] Ranulph Blundevil, 6th earl of Chester, died 1232.
[2] Omitted also in the Latin copy.

Brech; j. half acre beside the lond that was of Robert Barat at Foxwelle; j. yerde at wodebrigge; j. half acre in the mede of arable lond at Wolmersham; j. half acre at spercever; j. half acre at groundehole; j. yerde of mede in the southe mede at the heldegore; j. half acre beside the lond that was of Pulchelote atte herpe; j. yerde atte sonde; j. half yerde beside the lond that was of Robert Barat atte Swynysty; j. yerde beside the lond of william of the welle at Berhull; j. yerde that lieth beside the lond that was of Pulchelote at Bernhullesford; j. yerde bitwene the wowes; j. yerde at Somersmore; j. yerde that lieth beside the lond that was of Robert Meregres, a portewey in the sowthe parte; j. half acre at Batesham; j. half acre beside the lond that was of Robert Meregres atte Eldedich; j. half [acre] beside the lond that was of Robert Baret atte porledstaple; j. yerde atte strate in the west parte; j. acre at Blakmunde-lond; j. half [acre] beside the lond that was of Robert Barat atte Shrobbes; j. half acre beside portewey; j. half acre at witewelleslede the nether; j. half acre in t[h]e[1] sauth fordyngmere; j. half acre at witewellehulle; j. half acre beside the lond that was of william of welle at wasteynshulle: To be had and to be hold, of hym and of his heires, to hym and to his heires, or to whom-so-euer he wold yeve hem, or bequeth, or assigne in ony wise, frely, quyetly, pesibly, worshipfully, in towne or out of towne, yeldyng to hym and to his heires j. paire of white gloves at Ester for all seruyce, exaccion, and demaunde, and sute, to hym or to his heires longyng, Savyng the seruyce of xij. d. to be yelded therof yerly to the chief lord of that fee. And the forsaid Roger and his heires warantized and defended to the forsaid Robert and to his heires or to his assignes all the forsaid lond, dyvided by parties, that is to sey, half of the lond, mese, gardeyne, and mede, with all ther pertynentis, ayenst all men. And that all these afore, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, to the mesne lord (i. e. immediate feudal superior) = a pair of white gloves at Easter; to chief lord of the fee, 12*d*. yearly.

[741.] *A conuencion I-made bitwene William Ingelot of more Tywe and Robert Wolmyron for j. half acre of arable londe, & *cetera*. * leaf 167. A.D. 1256.

* The sentence of this evidence is, that, the xl. yere of the reigne of kynge henry the sone of kyng Iohn, this couenaunte * leaf 167, back.

[1] MS. *intesauth*.

Sixty years' lease to Robert Wolvyron, by William Ingelot, [Purchase-money, 12*s.*] of two half-acres.

was I-made bitwene William Ingelot of more Tywe of the one *par*tie, and Robert Wolmyron of the other *par*tie, that is to sey, that the forsaid' William toke and lette to ferme to the forsaid' Robert, for xij. *shillings* of sterlyngis the which he yaf before handes into warison, j. half acre of arable lond' in the west feld' of more Tywe, wherof j. yerde lieth vndir the crofte of hendeman bitwene the lond' of William Frankeleyne and the lond' of henry waryne, And another yerde lieth in Middisladehelde bitwene the lond' of henry waryne and the lond' of Nicholas atte Playstowe; And another half acre in the sowthe felde, atte olde gore, bitwene the lond' of Raaf Thurnberne and the lond' of Robert Barat, to the *ter*me of iij. score yere fully complete and folowyng, tille the forsaid' Robert and his heires had' I-take all the goodes comyng forth therof fully *with*in the forsaid' *ter*me: To be had' and to be holde, to the forsaid' William and to his heires or assignes, or to whom-so-euer or whan-so-euer he wold' yeve, bequeth, selle, or assigne the forsaid' lond', frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, *with*-in the forsaid' *ter*me, yeldyng therof yerely, to the forsaid' William and to his heires or assignes, j. clowe-gelofre at Cristmasse for all seculer *ser*uyce, and sutes of all man*er* of courtis, exaccions, customs, and demaundes. And the forsaid' William and his heires or his assignes warantized', acquyted', and defended', to the forsaid' Robert his heires or his assignes, *with*in the forsaid *ter*me, by the forsaid' *ser*uyce, ayenst all men and women. And to this couenaunt, & *cetera*.

[yerde = rood.]

Rent, a clove at Christmas.

* leaf 168, back. 1266, April 4.

[742.] * A Charter of William fitz Iohn Ingelot to Robert fitz Robert Wlfrun for j. half acre of arable lond' in more Tywe.

Lease for 2 lives to same Robert Wolfrun, and wife, by William Ingelot, of two half-acres, as in no. 741.

The sentence of this charter is, that William fitz Iohn Ingelot yaf, & *cetera*, to Robert fitz Robert Wlfran of more Tywe and to Isabell his wyf the doughtir of Richarde Goderich, j. half acre of arable lond' in the westfelde, that is to sey, j. yerde lieth vndir the crofte of hendeman bytwene the lond' of William Frankeleyne and the lond' of henry waryne, And another yerde lieth vpon Middisladehold' bitwene the lond' of henry waryne and the lond' of Nicholas at pleystowe; And j. other half acre in the south felde atte oldegore bitwene the lond' of Raaf Thornberne and

the lond' of Robert the yonger Baret: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the said' Robert and to Isabelle his wyf and to ther assignes or to whom-so-ever he wold' yeve the forsaid' lond', selle, bequeth, or assigne, to the tyme of ther lif, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly, *with* all' *per*tynentis longyng' to the said' lond', yeldyng' therof yerely to hym and to his heires or his assignes j. paire of white gloves for all' seculer *seruyce*, demaundes, and sūtis of courtis. And the said' William and his heires or his assignes warantized' acquyted' and defended' to the said' Robert and to the said' Isabelle his wyf and to theire assignes the said' acre ayenst all' men vnto the ende of ther lyf. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid' Robert yaf to hym xij. *shillings* of vsuall' money before hondes. And yf hit pleased' William to bye ayene the said' lond', or his heires, of the said' Robert, than in the x. yere folowyng' they shold' yeve to the said' Robert or to his wyf or his assignes xij. *shillings*; And yf the x. yere were I-passed', they shold' never bye ayene the said' lond'. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*. The date at more Tywe, in the fest of Ester, the L. yere of the reigne of kynge henry the sone of kynge Iohn, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, gloves.

Purchase-money, 12*s*.

Break of lease at tenth year.

[743.] * A Charter of Richard' Frankeleyne of more Tywe I-made to Iohn Lake and Isabelle his wyf, & *cetera*, for v. acris and an half of arable londe in the feldes of Tywe.

* leaf 168. About 1260?

The sentence of this charter is this, that Richard' Frankeleyne of more Tywe yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn lake of the same and to Isabelle his wyf and to ther heires or her assignes, v. acres and half j. acre of arable lond', *with* all' the *per*tynentis over all', in the feldes of more Tywe; of the which, j. acre lieth in the south felde atte Shrobbes, beside the lond' of Iohn lancelyne; and j. acre lieth and strecchith toward' Swytewelleslade, beside the lond' of Richard' Aluerich; And j. acre lieth beside Swytewelhulle, beside the lond' of Aleyne Bercare; And j. acre lieth vpon wastaneshulle nerrere Sanford'; And half j. acre lieth in the west felde vpon voxlewesforlonge, beside the lond' of William Germeyne; And half j. acre lieth in the same feld' into holewellake, beside the lond' of Richard' Elucrich of the sonne side;

Sale to John and Isabella Lake, by Richard Franklin, of 4 acres, 3 half-acres,

And half j. acre lieth in the same feld' at Merewelle, bitwene the lond' of Robert hykeman and the londe of Alice at pole; And
and a head-land. j. hede strecchith into Merewelle lake: To be had' and to be hold', *with* all ther *per*tynentis, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the forsaid' Iohn and to the said' Isabell' his wyf and to their heires I-begote bitwene them or to ther assignes for eu*er*, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, by right heritage, and to whom-so-eu*er* and whan-so-eu*er* and in what-so-eu*er* tyme they wold' yeve, bequethe, ley to wed', or assigne hit, yeldyng
Quit-rent, ½*d.* therof yerely to hym and to his heires or to his assignes j. ob*olus* at Ester, for all seruyce seculer*e*, and sutes of all maner Courte, and all other demaundes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said'
Purchase-money, £2. Iohn and Isabelle yaf to hym iij. marke of sterlyngis before-handes. And Richard' Frankeleyne and his heires or his assignes warantized' aquyted' and defended' all the forsaid' lond', *with* all the *per*tynentis in alle places, to the said' Iohn and Isabell' and to ther heires I-begote bitwene them or to ther assignes for eu*er*, ayenst all men and women. And þat þis yifte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 165, back. About 1260.

[744.] * A Charter of William Ingelot, of the more Tywe, quyteclaymyng to Iohn at lake fitz Nicholas atte lake, for j. acre lond' in more Tywe.

Sale to John (son of Nicholas) Lake, by William Ingelot, [Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.*] of a half-acre, and of two roods.

The sentence of this charter is, that William Ingelot fitz Iohn Ingelot of the more Tywe, yaf, & *cetera*, and for eu*er* quyte-claymed' to Iohn atte lake fitz Nicholas atte lake of the same, for j. marke that he yaf afore-hondes into warysoñ, j. acre of his lond' in the feld' of the more Tywe, that is to sey, in the westfeld' half an acre at the gore, the which strecchith into holewell' lake, beside Richard' Frankeleyne of the one *par*tie and Robert Baret; And a-nother in the sowthe feld', and[1] ij. rodes bitwene wewes that strecchen into broken[2], of the which one rode lieth beside [the[3] land of] Robert wyte of the one *par*tie and Robert Baret of the other, And another[4] lieth beside henry waryne of the one *par*tie And Robert atte playstowe of the other: To be had' and to be hold', frely and quyetly, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to hym and to his heires or to his assignes, or to whom-so-eu*er* or whan-so-eu*er* they wold' yeve hit, bequeth, or in

[1] For 'and,' read 'namely.'
[2] Read 'into the brook.'
[3] Added from the Latin.
[4] Read 'and the other.'

other wise assigne hit, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, *with* all the *per*tynentis, wele and in pease for eu*er*, *with*out ony agayne-saiyng of ony man livyng, yeldyng therof yerely, to hym and to his heires, or to the assignes of the said Iohn and his heires or assignes, j. ob*olus* at Cristmasse for all seculer service, sute of courte, and demaunde, longyng to hym and to his heires. And the said William Ingelot and his heires or his assignes warantiȝed and defended for eu*er* to the said Iohn and his heires or his assignes the said acre of lond, *with* all *per*tynentis, *with*-in the towne and *with*-out, ayenst all men and women. And that thise all thynges, & *cetera*. Quit-rent, ½*d*.

[745.] *A Charter of William Ingelot for an acre in the more Tywe.

*leaf 166, back. About 1260.

The sentence of this charter is, that William Ingelot yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn Lake of more Tywe, j. acre of his lond in the towne of more Tywe, of the whiche half lieth bitwene the lond of Robert at Playstowe and the wodebrigge; And an-other rode of the same acre lieth bitwene the lond of Robert atte playstowe at setteles; And an-other rode lieth bitwene Robert Baret and the lond of handeman of Oxwellekappe: To be had and to be hold of hym and his heires, to hym and to his heires, wele and in pease, frely and q*uie*tly for eu*er*, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires j. rose atte fest of seynt Iohn Baptist, for all seruyce seculer, and demaunde. And the forsaid William Ingelot and his heires warantiȝed aquyted and defended for eu*er* the forsaid acre to the forsaid Iohn and to his heires, for the forsaid seruyce, ayenst all men and women: hit shold be lawfull also to the forsaid Iohn and to his heires or his assignes, or to the assignes of the heires, to selle, yeve, bequeth, or to ley to plegge the forsaid acre, whan-so-eu*er* and to whom-so-eu*er* they wold. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the forsaid Iohn lake yaf to hym half a marke of siluer. And that hit shold be sure, & *cetera*. Sale to John Lake, by William Ingelot, of a half-acre, a rood, and a rood. Quit-rent, a rose. Purchase-money, 6*s*. 8*d*.

[746.] *A Charter of henry waryne of more Tywe, I-made to Iohn lake of the same, for a rode of arable londe.

*leaf 166. About 1270.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry waryne of more Tywe yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn lake of more Tywe, for x. *shillings* Sale to John Lake, by Henry

Waryne, for 10*s.* of a rood.

of sterlyngis, the which he yaf to hym before-handes into warison̄, j. rode of arable lond̄ in the west feld̄ vndir the crofte, beside the lond̄ of Richard̄ Lonedrem: To be had̄ and to be hold̄, of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the same Iohn and his heires or assignes, or to whom-so-euer and whan-so-euer [he would] yeve the forsaid̄ Rode lond̄, bequeth, selle, or assigne, frely and quyetly, wele and in good̄ pease, worshipfully and holy for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or his assignes

Quit-rent, ½*d.*

j. *quadrans* of siluer at Ester for all̄ seculer seruyce, and sutes of all̄ maner courte, exaccion, customs, and all̄ maner demaundes. And henry and his heires or assignes warantiȝed̄ defended̄ and aquyted̄ for euer to the forsaid̄ Iohn, his heires, or assignes, the forsaid̄ Rode lond̄, by the forsaid̄ seruyce, ayenst all̄ men and women. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 164, back. * leaf 165. About 1270.

[747.] * A Charter of Iohn Frankeleyne of the more Tywe, I-made to Iohn Lake * the sone of Emme Lake, for iij. acris of arable lond̄ in the more Tywe.

Sale to John (son of Emma) Lake, by John Franklin, of six half-acres.

The sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Frankeleyne of the more Tywe yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn Lake, fitz Emme Lake, iij. acris of arable lond̄ in the feld̄ of the more Tywe, of the which half an acre lieth in the north felde at the holywelle, beside William Ingelet of the one partie; [and[1] half an acre lieth upon Vermfurlong next William Martin;] and half an acre lieth at Tunnidus[2] welle, beside Aleyne Quemle; and half an acre at Serplond̄[3], beside William atte Lake; And in the north side, half an acre that strecchith into portewey vpon̄ the sonde[4] of right fitz hugh; and half an acre lieth vpon shortlongfurlonge beside the forsaid̄ William Ingelet: To be had̄ and to be hold̄, of hym and of his heires, to the said̄ Iohn, and to his heires, or to his assignes all̄, or when-so-ever he wold̄ yeve, selle, or assigne, the said̄ acris of lond̄, in sikenes or in helthe, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, worshipfully and holy for euer: that is to sey, in weyes, pathes, in medis and pasturis, and in all̄ fredoms and easementis perteynyng to the forsaid̄ acris of lond̄, except religious men, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or

[1] Added from Latin copy.
[2] In both copies the T is followed by eight strokes without distinction: might be Timmidus, &c.
[3] Sarpelonde.
[4] *sic.*

his assignes j. ob*olus* at ester for all̃ seculer servyce, and sute of all̃ courte, exaccion̄, customes, querels, and demaundes. And for this yifte, & *cetera*, the said̃ Iohn yaf to hym xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis afore-hondis. And the said̃ Iohn Frankeleyn*e* and his heires or assignes warantiꝫed̃, acquyted̃, and defended̃ the forsaid̃ acris of lond̃, *with* all̃ ther p*er*tynentis afore-named̃, to the forenamed̃ Iohn, and to his heires, or his assignes, ayenst all̃ men and women, for the forsaid̃ *ser*uyce, for eu*er*. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, ½*d*.

Purchase-money, £1.

[748.] A Chart*er* of Iohn Pratellis, knyght, and lord̃ of Tywe the more, for vij. acres of arable lond̃ in the feld̃ of the more Tywe.

About 1270.

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Iohn Pratellis, knyght, and lord̃ of Tywe the more, yaf, & *cetera*, to Iohn lake of the more Tywe, for his *ser*uyce and for a marke of siluer*e* the which he yaf to hym afore-hondes into warison̄, vij. acres of arable lond̃ in the feld̃ of more Tywe, the which he had̃ of a relesyng̃ and quyteclaymyng̃ of William Ingelot of the same; of the which, half an acre lieth̃ in the northfeld̃ vpon longefurlonge beside the lond̃ of Adam Thurbarn*e*; and a-nother half acre in the same tilthe, beside the lond̃ of Richard̃ Almirich̃; and half an acre in the same feld̃, beside the holewey and beside the lond̃ of Adam Thurbarn*e*; and half an acre lieth̃ in the westfeld̃ into holewelle lake and the gore, beside the lond̃ of Adam Barat; and half an acre lieth̃ in Mere-welle lake in the same feld̃, beside the lond̃ of Adam Barat; And one Rode lieth̃ in myddel-sladesholde, beside the lond̃ of Rob*ert* atte pleystowe in the same feld̃; And j. rode lieth̃ vndir the crofte, beside the lond̃ of Ada*m* Godenne in the same feld̃; And j. rode lieth̃ vpon the ponde, beside Rob*ert* atte Pleystowe; And j. rode lieth̃ in the north feld̃ at Foxwelle, beside Adam Barat; And j. half acre at Wolmereham in the mede in the Estfeld̃, beside Adam Baret in the same feld̃; And j. rode lieth̃ in the Southfeld̃ at Bernehulleforde, beside Rob*ert* Pulchebote; And j. half acre lieth̃ atte sprotte, beside Adam Barat in the same feld̃; And half * an acre lieth̃ in litelfaremannysdone, beside henry wareyn*e* in the same feld̃; And j. rode at heneforde, beside henry atte pole in

Confirmation to John Lake, by Sir John Pratellis, overlord, of William Ingelot's grants of 7 acres, described by half-acres and roods.

* leaf 165, back.

the same feld'; And j. rode amonge the wewes, beside Robert at Playstowe; and another rode bitwene the wewes beside Robert wite; And half an acre at the wode rigge, in the same, beside Robert atte pleystowe; And half an acre at the old' gore, beside the lond' of Adam Barat: To be had' and to be hold', of hym and his heires or his assignes, to the same Iohn lake and to his heires or his assignes, or to whom-so-euer or whan-so-euer he wold' bequeth, selle, or assigne the forsaid' londes, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, worshipfully and holy for euer, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires or his assignes iiij. d'. at iiij. termes of the yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse j. d', at seynt Thomas day the Appostle j. d', At the Annuncioñ of our lady j. d', at Midsomer j. d', for all seruyce, and sutis of all maner courte, custome, exaccioñ, and all maner demaunde, longyng to hym, his heires, or assignes. And þat þis his yifte, & *cetera*.

Quit-rent, 4*d*. yearly.

About 1290.

[749.] A Charter of Iohn fitz Iohn Nicol of Tywe the more, I-made to Emme the wyf of Richard' Thornberne of the same, for xv. acres and an half acre and a rode of arrable londe.

Entail on Emma (wife of Richard) Thorberne, by John (son of John) Nicol,

* leaf 166. of scattered half-acres and roods.

Quit-rent, a rose.

The sentence of this charter is that Iohn fitz Iohn Nicol of more Tywe yaf, & *cetera*, to Emme the wyf of Richard' Thoreberne of the same, xv. acris and half an acre and a rode of arable lond', with all his pertynentis, liyng parcels in the feld' of grete Tywe, of the which the parcels ben I-specified' in an origynall charter fully; and hit is that lond' that he had' somtyme of the yifte and * feffement of Iohn atte Lake: To be had' and to be hold', with all his pertynentis, to the forsaid' Emme and to her heires lawfully be-gote of her body, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease for ever, of the chief lordes of that fee, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires and to his assignes j. Rose atte fest of seynt Iohn Baptist. And to the chief lordes of that fee service dew and I-woned' therof rightfully. And yf hit so happened' that the forsaid' Emme died' without heire lawfully beyng of her body, than he willed' that the forsaid' lond' shold' turne agayne holy and quyetly to hym and to his heires or his assignes. Into witnesse of the whiche thynge, & *cetera*.

[750.] * A Charter of Thomas Welton̄, confermyng to ser Iohn Trillawe of Bloxham, vicary of the chirche of Patishull, and to Edmond Mabaunke, v. mesis, viij. yerdis of lond, ij. shillyngworthe and ij. penyworthe of rente in Tywe the more, & *cetera*. * leaf 162, back. 1313, May 1.

Conveyance to John Trillowe, John of Bloxham, and Edmund Maubank, as trustees in mortmain for Godstow, by Thomas Whelton, of messuages, yard-lands, rent-charges, with feudal rights over five serfs, their property, families, and lands; and full manorial privileges.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Whelton̄ yaf, & *cetera*, to ser Iohn Trillowe, to ser Iohn of Bloxham, vicary of the chirche of patyshull, and to Edmond Maubaunke, v. mesis, viij. yerdis of lond, ij. shillyngworth and ij. penyworth of rente, with the pertynentis, in grete or the more Tywe. He yaf also and graunted to the same ser Iohnys and Edmond, the bodies of Iohn Lake, William Lake, Adam Baret, Richard Toly, and of Adam at Pleystowe, his bonde men, with all ther catell, sewtis, and sequelis, with all ther londis and tenementis the which ben called natif or bonde or bonde of birthe, or ony of ther sequele hath I-gete in ony wise, with ther pertynentis, of the same towne: To be had and to be hold, to the said sires Iohn and Edmond, and to ther heires or ther assignes, with all catall, sutes, and sequeles, and all ther getyngis (or perquisitis), with all pertynentis, as in howsis, curtilagis, londis, medis, fedyngis, pasturis, hayes, dyches, watirs, pondis, stewes, Ryvers (or riparies), duffehowses, mylles, weyes, pathis, scuagis, homagis, fewteys, rentis, customys, wardys, mariagis, fynys, relefis, heriettis, eschetis, sutis of Courtis, and all maner of liberteis * and fre customs, seruyce, appeiamentis, reuersions, or eisementis all, comyng forthe bothe of fre tenementis, or of bonde or natif, or of tenauntis holdynge in bondage or villenage, frely, quyetly, wele and in pease, of the chief lordes of that fee, by seruyce dew therof and I-wonyd of right for euer. And the forsaid Thomas and his heires warantized aquyted and defended for euer, to the forsaid siris Iohnys and Edmond [her] heires and her assignes, the forsaid mesys, londis, and rentis, with the pertynentis, as hit is I-said afore, and also the forsaid bondmen or natifis with all ther catallis, sutis, or sequelys, or perquysitis (or getyngis) of the same, with the pertynentis, without ony with-holdyng of hym or of his heires, ayenst all men. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date, in the fest of the holy appostels philippe and Iacob, the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edwarde.

* leaf 163.

Warranty clause.

* leaf 164, back. 1313, May 1.

[751.] * A Charter of Thomas Whelton, I-made to Baldewyn kerbrok, and hugh fitz Raaf his attorneyes, to put in seisyng sir Iohn Trillowe, sir Iohn Bloxham, vicary of the chirche of patishulle, and Edmond Maubaunke, into v. mesis, viij. yerdis of lond, ij. shillyngworthe and ij. penyworthe of rente in more Tywe.

Letter of attorney by Thomas Whelton, to give the said trustees seisin of the properties in no. 750.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Whelton attorneyd or made attorney in his place his welbeloued in crist Baldewyn kerbroke and hugh fitz Raaf, or the one of them, yf the other of them myght [not] be there, to put in his name sir Iohn Trillawe, sir Iohn Bloxham, vicary of Patishull, and Edmond Maubaunke, into full and pesible seisyng of v. meses, viij. yerdes of lond, ij. shillyngworth and ij. penyworth of rent, with ther pertynentes, in grete Tywe, And also of the bodies of Iohn Lake, William Lake, Adam Barette, Richard Toly, and of Adam atte playstow his bondmen or natifes, with all ther catall, seutis, sequelis, and also with all londis and tenementis the which the said bondmen or natifes, or ony of ther sequele, have goten in ony maner wise, with all ther pertynentis, in the same towne, as hit is conteyned fully in his charter of feffement. And the said Thomas had and held hym pleased and sure what-so-euer thyng the forsaid Baldewyn and hugh, or the one of them, did in his name, in the forsaid þynges. Into witness of the which thyng he made his lettres patentis. The date at london, in the fest of the holy Appostels Philippe and Iacob, the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

* leaf 169. 1313, May 1.

[752.] * A Confirmacion of Thomas Whilton to henry Gyngelot of more Tywe.

Letter from Thomas Whelton, to his tenant Henry Ingelot,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Thomas Whelton willed to be knowe to henry Gyngelot of more Tywe that, for-asmoch as he had yeve, graunted, and by his charter confermed, to ser Iohn Trillowe, ser Iohn Bloxham, and to Edmond Maubaunke, all the rentis and the seruices goyng out of the tenementis the which they held of hym in the said towne of more Tywe, with

all other pertynentis, as in gardeyns[1], mariagis, eschetis, and relefis, with all other pertynentis, as hit is playnly conteyned in the charter of feffement, he comaunded them, by his letters, that, of the seruyce that they owed to hym, they shold be entendaunte to the forsaid ser Iohn, ser Iohn, and Edmond; he attourned them and by them to be entendaunte, to the same, to ther heires, and ther assignes, they and theire heires at all dayes. Into witnesse of the which thyng, he sende to them these letters patentis. The date at london, in the fest of seyntis Philippe and Iacob, in the vj. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

informing him of the conveyance in no. 750.

[753.] *An assise bitwene Iohn Trillawe and Iohn Bloxham and Edmond Maubaunke of the one parte, and Thomas Whelton and Iohn Shenle * of the other partie, for the forsaide mesys, & *cetera*.

* leaf 163. 1313, May 4. * leaf 163, back.

The sentence of this writyng is, that the friday next after the fest of the Inuencion of the holy Crosse, the vj. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the sone of kynge Edwarde, hit was accorded bitwene ser Iohn Trillawe, ser Iohn Bloxham, vicare of the chirch of Patishulle, and Edmond Maubaunk, of the one parte, And Thomas Whelton and William Shenle of the oþer, that is to sey, that the said Thomas and William shold be bounde to the said seris Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, euerych of hem in the hole, in CC. mark, of sterlyngis by an obligacion I-made to the same Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, willed and graunted the said Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, by this present writyng, that yf the forsaid Thomas knowleched, relesed, and vttirly quyte-claymed, and warantiȝed by a clause of warantiȝyng, by fyne in the kynges courte ther to be levyed, to the said seris Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, [her] heires, and her assignes, v. mesis, viij. yerdis lond, ij. shillyngworth and ij. penyworth of rente, Also with the bodyes of Iohn Lake, William Lake, Adam Baret, Richard Toly, and Adam at Pleystowe, bonde (or natife) men, with all [that] the bondemen (or natifis) or ony of ther sequele in ony wise had I-gete, afore Cristmasse that was next folowyng, than the obligacion aforsaid of CC. marke, I-made by the forsaid Thomas and William shold be had for naught to the said seris

Bond in £133 6*s*. 8*d*. given to said trustees, by Thomas Whelton that he would put them in possession of the subjects detailed in no. 750, before Christmas.

[1] i. e. guardianships: 'wardys' in no. 750.

Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, and vttirly shold be adnulled for euer. And yf hit happene the said Thomas not to knowe, remytte, quyteclayme, and to warantize, the said mesis, londis, rentis, bodies of the forsaid bondmen and natifis, with ther sutis and sequelis, catall, and all other pertynentis and thyngis I-gete, in the forsaid wise, to the said seres Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, afore cristmasse, than the obligacion aforsaid of CC. mark, shold abide for euer in his strength and myght, but that the said recognycion byde vnperfite but by the deth of the other parte, or wille of the said ser Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond. Into witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 164. 1313, Oct. 10.

[754.] * A Charter of Edmond, Erle of Arundell, I-made to the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, yevyng licence to entre his fee of Tywe the more.

* leaf 164, back. Licence in mortmain, by the earl of Arundel, chief lord of the fee, empowering Godstow to receive no. 750.

*The sentence of this charter is, that Edmond[1], Erle of Arundell, graunted and yaf licence to his welbeloued in crist Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe that they myght entre ther[2] fee at the more Tywe in Oxenford-shire to gete a tenement that Thomas Whelton helde in grete Tywe, Doyng therof to the chief lordis of that fee dewe seruyce and I-wonyd. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at london, the x. day of Octobre, the vij. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the sone of kyng Edwarde.

* leaf 168. 1313, Febr. 2.

[755.] * A quyte-clayme of Edmond Maubaunke I-made to Iohn Bloxham, vicary of Patishull, for all the londes and tenementis and bodyes of bondemen, & *cetera*.

Quit-claim to John of Bloxham, by his co-trustee, Edmund Maubank,

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is this, that Edmond Maubaunke graunted, remytted, and vttirly quyte-claymed, for hym and his heires, to Iohn Bloxham, vicare of Patishull, all the right and clayme that he had or myght haue in ony wise, in all the londes and tenementis and bodies of bonde-men, with

[1] Edmund Fitzalan, 2nd earl of Arundel. [2] Read 'his.'

ther catells, sutes, and sequeles, of the which Thomas Whelton late feffed *ser* Iohn Trillaw *ser* Iohn Bloxham and hym: So that nother the said Edmond, nother his heires, myght never in no wise, after that tyme, axe, chalenge, or clayme, ony right or clayme in the forsaid londes, and tenementis, bodies of bondemen, with ther catall, sutis, and sequelis. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the saturday in the fest of the purificacion of our lady, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edwarde the sone of kynge Edwarde.

of his interest in no. 750.

[756.] *** A Charter of Raaf Pratell, Lord of the more Tywe, grauntynge, and licence yevyng, to *ser* Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, that they myght yeve to the mynchons of Godestowe all the londis and tenementis that they had I-gete of Thomas Whelton of the more Tywe.**

* leaf 163, back. 131¾, Febr. 6.

The sentence of this charter is, that Raaf Pratellis, lord of Tywe the more, graunted and licence yaf, for hym and his heires, in al so moche as was in hym, for the helth of his soule and of his auncetours and heires for euer, to his welbeloved in crist siris Iohn Trillowe, and Iohn Bloxham, vicary of the chirch of patishulle, that they myght yeve and assigne to the welbeloued to hym in crist the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, all the londis and tenementis that they late had I-gete of Thomas Whelton in the towne of the more Tywe: he yaf also and graunted, for hym and his heires for ever, to the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons that they myght entre, gete, and apropir the same tenementis, without ony agayne-saiyng or lette of hym or of his heires: To be had and to be hold, to the said Abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for euer, the kyngis statute I-provided into contrary not-withstondyng, Savyng nathelesse to hym and to his heires all lordships, * fredoms, rentis, seruyces, and customes, of the same tenementis, afore dew and I-vsed to *ser* Iohn his fadir and to his auncetours. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at þe more Tywe, the vj. day of Feuerere, the vij. yere of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

Licence in mortmain, by Ralph de Pratellis, feudal superior, empowering the trustees to convey no. 750 to Godstow.

* leaf 164.

* leaf 163. 131½, Febr. 17.

[757.] *A Charter of John Trillowe and of John Bloxham, vicary of the Chirch of Patishulle, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe v. mesis, viij. yerdis of londe, ij. shillyngworthe and ij. penyworth of rente, with many other thyngis, in the more Tywe, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by said trustees, of no. 750: viz. messuages, land, and rent-charges; with five serfs, and their property, families, and lands,

with full manorial privileges.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iohn Trillowe, and Iohn Bloxham, vicary of the chirch of patishulle, yaf, & *cetera*, to ther welbeloued in crist Moolde vptoñ, abbesse of Godestowe, and to the mynchons there seruyng god, v. mesis, viij. yerdis of lond, ij. shillyngworthe and ij. penyworthe of rente, with the pertynentis, in the more Tywe. They yaf also and graunted to the same abbesse and mynchons the bodies of Iohn Lake, Adam Baret, Richard Toly, and of Adam pleystowe, the bondmen or natifis, with all catals, sutis, sequelis, perquysitis, also with all londis and tenementis [which] the said bondmen (or natifis), or ony of ther sequele, had I-gote in ony wise in the same towne: To be had and to be hold, to the said abbesse and to the forsaid mynchons and to ther successours, with all pertynentis, as in howsis, curtilagis, londis, medis, fedyngis, pasturis, hayes, dyches, watirs, pondis, stewys, Ryvers (or riparies), duffehouses, mylles, weyes, pathis, scuagis, homagis, fewteis, rentis, customs, wardis, mariagis, fynes, relefis, heriettis, eschetis, sutis of courtis, and all maner fredoms, and all customs, seruyce, reuersions, or eisementis all, both comyng forth of fre tenauntis, and also of bondmen or natifes, or of tenauntis in villenage, frely, quyetly, wele, and in pease, of the chief lordes of that fee, by service dew therof and of right I-wonyd for euer. And the said Iohnys and ther heires warantized acquyted and defended for euer, by þe forsaid seruyce, to the forsaid abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours, the forsaid mesys, londis, and rentis, with the pertynentis, as hit is aforesaid, And also the forsaid bondmen or natifes, with all ther catallis, sutis, and sequelis, or perquysitis of the same, with the pertynentis, without ony withholdyng of them or of ther heires, ayenst all men. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date, the Sonday next after the fest of seynt Valentyne martir, the vij. yere of the reigne of kynge Edwarde the sone of kynge Edwarde.

[Valentine = Febr. 14.]

[758.] * **A Charter of Iohn Trillowe and Iohn Bloxham, vicare of the chirche of Patishull, makyng ther attorneyes hugh Rannes and Iohn Nicoll, to seisyne the abbesse of Godestowe in all the meses, londes, and rentis, that they purchased of Thomas Whelton.** * leaf 164, back. 131¾, Febr. 17.

Letter of attorney by said trustees to give Godstow possession of no. 750.

The sentence of this lettre attorney is, that Iohn Trillawe and Iohn Bloxham, vicare of the chirch of Patishulle, made attorneyes in our[1] stede our[1] welbeloved in crist hugh Rannes and Iohn Nicoll, to put the Abbesse of Godestowe into full and pesible seisynyng of all the londes and tenementis that they late had I-gote of Thomas Whelton in the more Tywe, and also of the bodies of theire bond-men or natifes, with their catall, sutis, or sequelis, and all perquysitis, havyng them-self content and pleased what-so-euer the said hugh and Iohn did in ther name in the premysses. Into witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the Sonday next after the fest of Seynt Valentyne, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edwarde.

[759.] * **A strif I-meved bitwene ser Iohn Trillawe and ser Iohn Bloxham, vicare of Patishulle, and Edmond Maubaunke of the one partie, And Iohn and Richard lake and Milicence theire sustire, vpon the right and the holdyng of iij. acres in the grounde of Tywe the more, the which were somtyme of william atte lake, bondman or natif of the forsaid Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond.** * leaf 166, back. 131¾, March 3.

Quit-claim to their elder brother William, by John, Richard, and Milicent Lake, of all title in 3 acres (see no. 761).

At the last, they were accorded in this wise: that is to sey, that the said Iohn and Richard and Militence at the lake knowleched them-self that they had no right in the forsaid londes, and they yelded and graunted to the forsaid william lake, ther brother first begote, all the right and clayme that they had in the said iij. acres of lond, with the pertynentis, and also with the harmes and his expenses. So that the same Iohn, Richard, and Militence, nother ther heires, shold not mowe to chalenge ony right or clayme after in the forsaid londes. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*. The date at Godestow,

[1] Read 'their.' The translation slips into the first person of the original Latin.

the iiij. day of marche, the vij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kynge Edwarde.

* leaf 164. 1314, May 8.

[760.] * A Charter of kynge Edward, yevyng licence to the mynchons of Godestowe to purchase londes and tenementis to the valew of C. *shillings*.

Licence in mortmain by Edward II,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Inglond, lord of Irlond, and duke of Gyen, by his lettres patentis graunted and yaf licence, for hym and his heires, al so moch as was in them [1], to his welbeloued in crist the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, that þei myght purchase londis and tenementis, *with* ther pertynentis, to the valew of an C. *shillings* by yere, after the verry valew of the same, bothe of his owne fee and also of other fee, out-take londis and tenementis that were I-hold of hym in chief: To be had and to be hold, to the same Abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours for euer, The statute I-made of londis and tenementis not to be put into morte-mayne notwithstandyng, as hit is I-conteyned in his lettres aforsaid fully. The kyng willyng his graunte aforsaid dewly to be brought to effecte, graunted and licence yaf for hym and for his heires, al so moche as was in them [1], to Iohn Trillowe, to Iohn Bloxham, vicare of patishulle, and to Edmond Mawbaunke, that they myght yeve and assigne to the same Abbesse and Mynchons v. mesis, viij. yerdis lond, ij. shillyngworth and ij. penyworthe of rente, *with* ther pertynentis, in the more Tywe, the which mesis, lond, and rente, were I-hold of Iohn Pratellis, and the which mesis and lond vaile by yere xlj. *shillings*, as hit apperith by Inquysicion I-made by the welbeloued and trew Iohn Abel, Eschetur be-yonde [2] Trente, and I-retourned in the Chaunc*er*ye: To be had and to be hold, to them and to ther successours for euer, in partie of satisfaccion of an hundred shillyngworth of lond and of tenementis aforsaid. And to the same Abbesse and mynchons, that they myght resceive and hold the forsaid mesis, londis, and rentis, *with* ther pertynentis, of the forsaid Iohn, Iohn, and Edmond, to them and to ther successours for euer, As hit is I-said afore by the tenour of this present writyngis. Also he yaf licence speciall, the forsaid statute notwithstondyng, not willyng that the forsaid Iohn,

allowing Godstow to acquire, from said trustees, the subjects detailed in no. 750,

as representing 41*s.* of yearly value towards the 100*s.* of yearly value which they were licensed to acquire in mortmain (no. 897).

[1] Read 'him.'

[2] Read 'on this side.'

Iohn, and Edmond, or ther heires, or the forsaid Abbesse or mynchons or ther successours, by the reson of the statute aforsaid, by them[1] or by there[1] heires should take occasion therof or greif in ony thynge, savyng the seruyces therof dew and I-wonyd to the chief lordes of that fee. Into witnesse of the which thynge, he lette to be made these his lettres patentis, witnessyng hym-self at yorke, the viij. day of may, The seventhe yere of his reigne.

[761.] *An endenture bitwene moolde vptoñ, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Militence the doughter of Robert lake, for iij. acris of londe. * leaf 166. 1315, April 5.

Grants by Godstow, to Milicent Lake, of life-rent in 3 acres (as in no. 759), quit-rent, 1*d.*;

and of reversion of two of the acres to her brothers John and Richard and their heirs of body, quit-rent to be 2*d.*

* leaf 166, back.

Purchase-money, 6*s.* 8*d.*

The sentence of this endenture is, that Molde vptoñ, abbesse of Godestow, and the Couente of the same place, graunted and toke to Militence, the doughtir of Robert Lake, iij. acres of arable lond liyng in the feldis of more Tywe the which william lake their bondman or natif somtyme held: To be had and to be hold to the forsaid Militence to all her lyf, yeldyng therof to them and to ther successours j. d. yerely at the fest of the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist; So, nathelesse, that, after the decesse of the forsaid Militence, j. acre of the forsaid iij. acres, the which lieth in the hamme beside larke welle, shold turne ayene and remayne for ever to them and to ther successours. Furthermore, they wold to be know that they graunted to Iohn and Richard, bretherñ of the forsaid Militence, other two acres of the forsaid iij. acres, *with* all ther *per*tynentis ouer all: To be had and to be hold, to the forsaid Iohn and Richard and to there heires I-be-gote and to be gote lawfully of ther bodies of them and ther successours, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther monast*e*ry ij. d. by yere, that is to sey, at Mighelmasse, And the which ij. acres Isabell lake, sustir of the forsaid William, held somtyme to the t*e*rme of her lyf. Into witnesse * of the which thynge they sette to eu*e*rych others writyng ther seales. The date at Godestowe, the v. day of Aprell, the viij. yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kynge Edwarde. And for this graunte, & *cetera*, they yaf before-hond*es* to them, that is to sey, to the Abbesse, & *cetera*, vj. *shillings* viij. d.

[1] Read 'him,' 'his.'

* leaf 167, back. About 1329.

[762.] * A couenaunte bitwene Moolde vptoñ, abbesse of Godestowe, and Edmond' Maubaunke, for all the lond', with Curtilagis, croftis, medis, fedyngis, and pastures, with ther vesturis or mowynges, & *cetera*.

Sale by Godstow, to Edmund Maubank, of life-rent in lands, subject to providing 2 gallons of wine for Easter communion at Great Tew. Purchase-money, £13 6*s*. 8*d*.

The sentence of this couenaunte is, that Moolde vptoñ, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, yaf and graunted', by this present writyng, to Edmond' Maubaunke all the lond', with Curtilagis, croftes, medis, fedyngis, pastures and vestures, and all pertynentis, the whiche Stephyñ of Pratelles somtyme held' of them in the towne and territorie of more Tywe: To be had' and to be hold', to the same Edmond', or his assignes, all the dayes of his lyf, of them and ther successours, Doynge therof euery yere while that he liveth, for them and ther successours, ij. galons of wyne or x. d'. to the parisshens of Tywe to be communed' at the fest of Ester, for all seruyce, sutis of courte, heriettis, and all other seculer exaccions and demaundes. And for this yifte and graunte the said' Edmond' yaf to them xx. mark, before-handes. And they and ther successours warantized' acquyted' and defended', by the forsaid' service, all the forsaid' lond', with Curtilages, croftes, medys, fedyngis, pasturis, with ther pertynentis, and also with all the vesture aboue-growyng' in the abouesaid' tenementis, to the said' Edmond', or to his assignes, ayenst all men. Into witnesse of whiche thynge, & *cetera*.

* leaf 168, back. 1329, April 13.

[763.] * A Charter I-made bitwene Moolde, Abbesse of Godestowe, and Robert Trillawe for viij. acres of arable lond' in more Tywe.

Grant by Godstow, to Robert Trillawe, of life-rent in 8 acres.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde, Abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, graunted' and lete to Robert yonge of Trillawe viij. acres of arable lond', with all the pertynentis, in more Tywe, of the which, j. acre lieth in peselade; ij. acres beside wodeweye; j. acre at Elienestowe[1]; j. [half[2]] acre at Shynelowe[1]; j. acre at Clenelonde[1]; j. acre at halywellake; j. acre of the west parte of porteweye; and j. half acre lieth at wodeweye: To be had' and to be hold', to the forsaid' Robert to all his lyf, with all ther pertynentis, frely, quyetly, holy,

[1] In the Latin: 'Elrenestowe,' 'Shriuelowe,' 'Cletelond.'
[2] Added from the Latin.

wele, and in pease, yeldyng therof yerly, to them and to ther successours, ij. *shillings* of sterlyngis at iiij. *termes* of the yere, that is to sey, at the fest of seynt Michell vj. d, atte fest of seynt Thomas the Appostle vj. d, and at the fest of the Annunciacion of oure lady vj. d, and at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist vj. d, for all seculer service, exaccion, and demaunde. And the forsaid Abbesse and covent and ther successours warantized acquyted and defended the forsaid viij. acres of arable lond, *with* all ther *per*tynentis, as hit is I-put * before, to the forsaid Robert, as longe as he lived, ayenst all men; And after the decesse of the same Robert, all the forsaid lond, *with* the *per*tynentis, shold turne ayene to them and to ther successours, frely and holy, *with*-out agayne-saiyng of ony men. In-to witnesse, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, the wedensday next afore Palme Sonday, the thirde yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng Edward.

Quit-rent, 2*s*.

* leaf 169.

[Thrupp: see in nos. 359, 360, 367, 384, 385.]

[Warborough: see in Shillingford.]

[Watlington.]

[764. * Charter of William Paganellus and Sara his wife for a mill in Watlington.

*Exchequer MS. leaf 151, back. About 1190.

* We, William and Sara, give our mill of Watlentun, which Henry held, and which is called Wochemulne [1], with a messuage and two acres in the field, and out of our wood timber to repair the said mill (when need shall be) at the discretion of trustworthy men.

* Exchequer MS., leaf 152. Grant to Godstow by William Paganel of a mill, a messuage, land, and timber-rights.

Witnesses:—Sir Richard Filiot [2], knight; William, canon of Osney, etc.]

[765. Charter of Peter son of Herebert. About 1215.

Peter son of Herebert confirmed to Godstow the mill of his fee of Watlington near Cukesham [3], which is called Wohemuln, with its messuage and pond and the water running to that pond. Witnesses:—Alan Baset, Henry of the Checquer.]

Confirmation to Godstow, by Peter son of Herebert, of no. 764.

[1] This word is uniformly misspelt in the General Charters. The property seems to have been lost before 1291.

[2] Possibly Foliot.

[3] Cuxham, 3 miles from Watlington.

About 1220.

[766.] Charter of Henry de Oylly of the mill in Watlington.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry Doyly, the chief lord, of no. 764.

HENRY DE OYLLY (the second), constable (died 1232), confirmed the gift of William and Sara Paganel.

Witnesses :—Fulk son of Richard, William of Herovill, Roger of Bray.] 4

[NOTE.—Rev. H. E. Salter gives me the history of Watlington. In 1166 it was owned by Halinad de Bidun. Afterwards, by William Paganell (Paynel) and his wife Sara (Halinad's daughter). On William's death King John gave it to Peter son of Herbert. A claim for it by Henry de Oylly was compromised (circ. 1218) by Peter's consenting to hold it of Henry. In 1223 Henry III took it into his own hands, saying that neither Peter nor de Oylly had any right to it: Maitland's *Bracton*, iii. 336, 463. The mill was, perhaps, taken back at that time with the manor.]

[WOLVERCOTE.]

[NOTE.—In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* Wolvercote (with Godstow) was assessed at £13 14*s.* 3*d.* yearly value. In the survey of 1531 (*Monast.* iv. 373) we find Wolvercote by itself valued at £24 18*s.* 4*d.*, viz. from lands, £13 18*s.* 4*d.*; from quit-rents, £2 3*s.* 6*d.*; from the mill, £8 16*s.* 6*d.*]

* leaf V or 17, back. About 1140.

[767.] * A chartur of Robert Euyrci of a medewe callyd the yle.

Grant to Godstow, by Robert of Everci,

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Robert of Euercy, by the consent of [his] eyerys, Robert & Thomas, hathe gyf & grauntyd to god, & to the churche of our lady seynt Marie & of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godstowe, & to the Mynchons there seruinge god, in-to pure & perpetual almys, a medewe that is callyd the yle, the whych medewe Robert of Meysy hys vnkle gafe to hym for hys seruice. Thys medewe he gafe to the foreseyd Mynchyns, for the helthe of hys sowle, & of hys aunceturs, & of hys heyrys[1], with hys dowhtur, Agas, the whyche was made mynchon in the same churche forcseyd. Thys medewe he wyllyd to be hadde for euyr freely and * restfully fro all exaccion or worldly seruice, paynge yerely to hym & to hys heyrys[1] j. pound of pepyr, with-in xv. dayes aftur the fest of seynt Myhel: thes beynge wytnes: and thys chartur is with-out date.

of a meadow called 'the isle,' probably in Wolvercote.

[Nun's dower.]

* leaf VI or 18.

[1] 'h' was afterwards erased. There are frequent instances in this MS. in which initial 'h' is erased from words elsewhere spelt with it.

[768.] A chartur I-made of the medewe callid the yle, by pagan caurcis.

About 1140.

Confirmation to Godstow by Pain of Caurcis, overlord, of the grant (no. 767) of 'the isle.'

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Pagane of Caurcis wyllyd to be knowe to all men, that he grauntyd & gaf, Also confermyd *with* hys chartur, a medewe that is callyd the yle, the whyche lyeth be-twene temse[1] & the medewe of syr wat*er*[2] of chaldfeld, to god & to the church of Godstowe, & to the mynchons there seruy*n*ge god, in-to pur*e* & p*er*petual almys for hym & hys eyerys, & the sowles of hys aunceturs; that is to sey, the seyd medewe to be holde of hym & of hys heyrys for euyr, frely & quietly & worshypfully fro all seruice, & fro all quarell, & playntys; &, for-asmuche as he wyllyd thys gyft to be ferme & stable, he strengthyd hyt by the puttynge to of hys seele: these beynge wyttnes: & is *with*-out date.

[769.] A confirmacion made by þe same pagan of all þe yeft*es* made of þe seyd yle.

About 1140.

Fuller confirmation to Godstow, by Pain of Caurcis of 'the isle.'

THE sentence of thys chartur is, that Pagan of Caurc*es* Willid to be know to all men that he grauntyd & confermid *with* hys chartur the gyft that hys aunceturs madyn to Robert of Meisi of a medewe that is callyd the yle, the whyche medw the same Robert gaf to Robert of Euercy, & that same Robert of euercy gaf to god, & to the churche of Godstowe, & to the Mynchons there seruy*n*g god: wherfore the forseyd Pagane of Caurc*es* willid & grauntyd, for hym-self & hys heyrys, that the forseyd mynchons shuld haue & hold the forseyd medewe, in-to pur*e* & p*er*petual almys, as the charter*s* of Robert of meisi & Robert of Euerci by-fore I-myndyd wytnes, the whyche the fore-namyd Mynchons hauyn ther-of: so yet þat, for the lacke and defawte of the forseyd Robert of Meysy & Robert of Euerci or of her heyrys, noþ*er* * I[3], pagan a-foreseyd, ne none of myn[3] heyrys, may aske ony thynge in the foreseyde medewe, but that they shalle haue hyt & holde hyt in-to pure & p*er*petual almys as it is a-fore-seyd, sauynge the seruice of that medewe callid the yle dewe to me & myn[3] heyrys: these beynge wytnes: & is *with*-out date.

* leaf VI or 18, back.

[1] i. e. Thames. [2] i. e. Walter. [3] Lapse into first person of the Latin.

* leaf I or 13, back. About 1160.

[770.] The graunt of Nicholas fiȝt Reynold.

Sale to Godstow, by Nicholas son of Reginald smith, of all right in a messuage and half-yardland which his father had held of Godstow.

THE sentence of thys dede is, how Nicholas, the sone of Reynald smyth, hathe *gra*untyd and relesyd and quite-claymed to the hows of Godstowe, and to the mynchens there god to serue for euyr, all̃ his ryht and clayme that he had or myht haue, by ryht eryhtage or succession of hys seyd fadyr Reyginald, in that mese, *with* halfe a yerde of lond and medw to the same mese perteyny[n]ge, *with* all̃ odur *per*teynavnce in the towne of wolgarcote and *with*-oute; the whyche mese, *with* all̃ the seyde purteynaunce ther-to belongynge, the seyd reyginald hys fadyr & hys predecesso*urs* of the seyd Mynchyns haue sum-tyme I-hold: To haue and to holde the forseyd mese, *with* all̃ the *per*tenence a-boue rehersyd, to the seyd Mynchyns & he*r* succesSo*urs* or her assygnys, fre, quyt, wel & in pece for euyr, So that the seyd Nicholas, ne non odyr in hys name, eny ryht or clayme in the seyd mese, *with* all̃ the *per*tyna*n*ce, may (eny ryht[1]) hereaftyr aske or chalange ne clayme; and for thys yft and relese the seyd Mynchyns payd xij. marc., and he put to thys hys seal, wyttenesse of mony on: and ys *with*-oute date.

Purchase-money, £8.

* leaf II or 14, back. About 1166.

[771.] * a chartur of Reynalde of seynt walery of the yle in þe whych þe church is made.

Grant to Godstow, by Reginald of St. Valerie, of site.

THE sentence of thys dede is, that[2] Bernard[3] of seynt walery hath y[i]f & grau*n*tyd, in *per*petual almys, to the Mynchyns of Godstowe & theyr successo*urs*, for the remedy of hys synnys & othyr moo rehersyd, (in[4]) the yle-lande a-fore-seyd & many othyr thyngys moo, as is a-boue wrytyn, in the dede next a-boue[5] I-wryte Bernard*us*: & thys is *with*-out date.

[NOTE.—The Latin of the Exchequer MS. (a slip attached to leaf 190, back) exhibits the same hesitation as to the Christian name. The mention of Robert, bishop of Lincoln, who must be Robert de Cheney, bishop 1148-66, enables us to decide upon Reginald as the right name. The deed thus recites a grant made to Godstow by Bernard's father, Reginald, who died after 1166. The Latin may be summarized thus:—

'Another charter made to the convent by Bernard of St. Walery of the island in which the church is built.

[1] Omit 'eny right.'
[2] 'Bernard or' struck out between *that* and *Bernard*.
[3] Read 'Reginald.'
[4] Omit 'in.'
[5] Now no. 772.

'Bernard of St. Walery to Robert, of Lincoln bishop, &c. Ego Reginaldus de Sancto Walerico have given to Godstow for health of myself and for souls of my father and mother, &c., the island in which the church is built and which is called Godestowa . . .[1].'

Witnesses include Magister Ralf[2] of Oxford, Hugh de belloramo, Reginald de Surpecampo, Pain de Wesberia, Walter de Peri, Walkelin Hering.]

[772.] A chartur I-made to the couent of Godestowe by b. of seynt walery.

About 1180.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Bernard of St. Valerie, of the site of Godstow,

Wolvercote mill, four meadows, a fishery, a messuage, an island, a meadow and rent-charges to pay for mowing it, arable land in Wolvercote, and another messuage.

THE sentence of thys dede is, that Bernard a-bove I-seyde hath 3yf & I-grauntid, by the consent of hys eyrys, in-to *per*petual almys to the hows of Godstowe & to the Mynchyns of the same, for the helth of kynge henri & the quene *Alienore* & here chyldyrn, Also for hys soule hele & hys wyfys Anorid', And for the soules of hys fad*ur* & modur & othyr rehersyd ther', The [is]land [in] the whych the chyrch of Godstowe is byldyd, *with* all hys purtinaunce; & the mylle of wolgarcote; & Boiehам & Heringes-hам and lambey; & a fysshynge-were *with* wereham; & a Mansyon of Osmund'; & the yle-lande[3] betwene too bryggys; & pyxey, & v. *shillings* to Mowe the same mede at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist (xij. d'. in wolgarcote, ij. *shillings* in erdinton[4], ij. *shillings* in ley[5]); & an halfe hyde of the lordshyp of wolgarcote, & x. acrys of the same; & the mansyon of Clay-dou*ne*[6]. Alle these thyngys forseyd he grauntyd to the forseyd Mynchyns to haue & to hold', *with*-out eny seculer seruice, to hem, well & in pese, frely & quietly for euyr, in *per*petual almes, as is a-boue-seyd. Thys wytnes many on, rehersyd in the same: & thys is *with*-out date.

[NOTE.—The translation here requires correction from the Latin of the Exchequer MS.:—Bernard of St. Valerie, with the consent of his heirs Reginald[7] and Bernard, lets all men, French and English, know that he has given to Godstow . . . (*a*) the island in which the church is built, with its pertinences, (*b*) all 'licheseia'; (*c*) the mill of Wolgaricote and boieham and heringesham and la[m]beie, (*d*) et unam piscariam (piscatoriam, in no. 773) cum werehamo, etc. Later names are (1) pecheseia, (2) eardintuna, (3) leaga[5], et mansura Sladium[6] (?). Among the witnesses are Richard Hareng and Vincent of Wytham.

[1] As in his son's confirmation, which follows.

[2] 'Radulphus' became rural dean of Oxford, circ. 1165.

[3] The island 'between two bridges' is that on which the well-known Trout Inn at Godstow now stands.

[4] 'Erdinton' is the old spelling for Yarnton.

[5] 'Leigh,' i. e. North Leigh, north of Godstow, a manor of the St. Valeries.

[6] Corrupt readings, concealing the name of a tenant, parallel to 'Osmund,' supra.

[7] Eldest son, but died before his father.

This deed is a confirmation of gifts which were bestowed by Bernard's (? uncle), John of St. John (no. 3), and afterwards confirmed by his father Reginald of St. Valerie (no. 771).]

About 1195.

[773.] A confirmacion[1] of Thomas of seynt walery of the chartur of bernard of seynt walery I-made to kynge henry þe secunde.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Thomas of St. Valerie (d. 1217) of his father Bernard's gift (no. 772).

THE sentence of dede is, a confirmacion of Thomas of seynt walery, the sonne of bernard a-boue-seyd, howe he hath grauntid all that yft of Bernard hys fadur, grauntyd to henry kynge of ynglond, the sonne of Mald that worshypful emperice. Also he confermith, in thys same dede, all that seyd yft that kynge henry forseyd made to the forseyd Mynchyns of Godstowe of the towne of woluercote, to hold, in pese, al that forseyd yft, with all purtynaunce, for euyr, as the chartur of the seyd kynge henry beryth wyttenes & *cetera*: & thys is with-out date.

* leaf III or 15. About 1220.

[774.] * a final a-corde I-made of ij. meses in the towne of wolgoryscote.

Sale to Godstow, by Richard Barbour, of two messuages.

THE sentence of thys is, a final concorde of ij. Meses, with the purtynauns, in wolgarcote, whych wer in varyaunce be-twene Richard Barbour, Matyld hys wyfe, and Cristian the sistre of the same, And anfelise the Abbas of Godstowe; by the whyche a-corde, made in thy kynges court at westmynstre, the day of seynt Hyllary, a-fore many Iustys in the same place, the seyd Rychard & *cetera*, hathe renunsyd & quyt-claymyd, for hym & her heyrys, vn-to the chyrche of Godstow for euyrmore: for the whych recognicion the Abbas gafe to the seyd Richard xlvj. *shilling* viij. d.

[Hilary = Jan. 13.]

Purchase-money. 3½ marcs.

* leaf 145. 1239, June 11.

[775.] * Seynt Petir parisshe in the Est[2]. A delegacie ayenst the vicary of Seynt Petir in the Est.

Commissioners appointed by pope Gregory IX to examine claims of

THE sentence of this delegacie is, that Gregory, Bisshop, seruant to the seruantis of god, greted, or sente to his welbeloued dean and archidekon of herford hailysyng and his blissyng, willyng to be know to all the children of our modir the chirch, that Robert[3], perpetuel vicary of seynt Petir chirche in the Est

[1] The Latin text is in *Monast.* iv. 363.

[2] Wolvercote, three miles from the north gate of Oxford, was a chapelry of the city parish of St. Peter's in the East.

[3] Robert of York, admitted vicar 1236: Wood's *City of Oxford*, iii. 96.

of Oxenford, playnyng, shewes that the abbot of Oseneye, and the abbesse of Godestowe and her couente, the maister of seynt Iohn hospitall without the Est yate, and some other of lyncolne wirceter and londoñ Citeis and diocises, did wronge to the same, vpon tithes, possessions, questis, and other thyngis. Therfor the pope commaunded to theire discrecioñ, by his writyng, that, the parties I-called, and I-herd the cause, and appelyng I-put away, and hit dewly I-ended, they shold make hit so that that they decreed shold be surely I-obserued by the censure of the chirch. And the witnesses that were I-named, yf they with-drow themself for favoure, haterede, or drede, they shold constreyne them to bere witnesse to * the trouthe, appelyng cesyng. The date at Viter[b]e, the nonys of may, of his Bisshophode the xj. yere.

Robert, vicar of St. Peter's in the East, against Godstow, and others, for tithes. [Formula of a papal commission.]

* leaf 145, back. = 1238, May 7.

Than sithe the said Robert, Vicary, by auctorite of this maundemente, had I-draw the forsaid abbesse and Couente of Godestowe into ple afore the said Iuges, and had I-made vndir this forme: The said Vicary axed of the said abbesse and Couente tythis of their mylles of Wolgarecote, by the commune law longyng to the said chirche, sithe they were within the lymytes and markes of the said parissh chirch of seynt Petir at the Est of Oxenford; Also he axed the tithes of ther medys beyng at Walgarecote, perteynyng to the said chirch, forasmoche as they were with-in the lymytes or markes of the said parissh chirch; Also he axed the tythis of the norisshyng of ther bestes, the which ben I-fedde and lye within the lymytes of his parissh; Also he axed that the seruantis of the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, the which were liyng and arisyng at Wolgarecote, shold be compelled to here ther dyvyne seruyces and ther to do ther rightis that longe to a parissh. These thynges he said, savyng to hym-self the benefice of lawe, The stryf of this lawfully I-contestate.

The vicar claimed, as due to him by Godstow, in Wolvercote, being a chapel-of-ease of St. Peter's in the East parish, (*a*) tithes of the mills, (*b*) tithes of the meadows, (*c*) tithes of calves and lambs, (*d*) parish-duties from Godstow servants there resident.

And whan the said Robert, Vicary, personally, and the said mynchons by hereberte ther chapeleyn, procuratour specially to that I-yeve, comperyng in the presence of the bisshop of lyncolne, and there had I-swore, leiyng or towchyng the holy Godespellys with ther hondes, that they shold stond to theire prouision, Iugement, and ordeynyng, vpon the said tithes I-axed and vpon all thynge towchyng that ple, renuncyng to the said letters, and

to all other I-gote or to be gote, accion, cauillacion, excepcion, and appelyng, and all remedy of bothe lawes.

Godstow produced papal privileges, exempting them from the tithes asked,

And sithe that the said mynchons shewed theire privilegis full spedefull, by the which they were exempte fro yevyng of the said tythes of norisshyng of bestis in ther pasture, and that hit was I-shewed lawfully to them by the same privilegis, in ther audience I-redde, rehersed, and I-vndirstonde: They assoiled hem fro the yevyng of the tythes of the norisshyng of ther bestis; and of other tythes abouesaid, that is to sey, of Medis, mylles; and of the seruauntis of the said mynchons, lying and risyng at wolgarecote, resceivyng ther wagis and nedefull vitaile of the house of Godestowe (out-take them that haue wyfes and ther owne housholdes in the towne of wolgarecote).

also exempting from parish-duty such of their servants as were not married householders.

They decreid, after they had I-communed *with* the counseil of wise men, havyng god and equyte byfore ther sightis, ordeynyng, iugyng, and *pro*vidyng, that, *with*-out ony stryf, they shold longe to the chirche of Godestowe and abidyng for euer: So natheles that the tythes of the villenagis of medys and litell medis of the same towne shold be sauf to seynt Petir chirch, in whos possession they were in the tyme of this composicion, that is to sey, of all northmede, *with* the tythes of the hamme the which was I-yeve somtyme * to the said chirche of seynt Petir in the name of the tythes, the which is I-called herthesham (out-take ij. hammes, the which ben of the demayn of the said abbesse and Couente in the same northmede, Wherof the tythes were never I-yeve; and out-take ij. acris the which ben also of the demayn of the said abbesse and Couente, the which longe to the mylle of wolgarecote; And out-take the hedis of the mylle crofte). And that the chirche of Godestowe, for the goodnesse of pease, shold be I-bounde for ever to pay iij. *shillings* yerely to the vicary of seynt Petir at the Est of Oxenford, at the fest of seynt Martyn, in wolgarecote Chapell. And they decreid this ther composicion to be riall, the which *par*ties, and also Pounce de pontibus[1] or (in englyssh) of welles, than person of the said chirch of seynt Petir, graunted the composicion to be to them ryall, to be stronge bitwene the said chirches for euer, and toke hit lefe, with opyn consente, yf the bisshop of lyncolne wold conferme hit *with* his

The vicar was awarded (*a*) tithes of meadows held in villeinage, (*b*) tithes of certain * leaf 146. specified 'little meads,'

(*c*) a pension of 3*s* to be paid each November 11th, in Wolvercotechapel.

The rectors of St. Peter's in the East,

[1] Read 'fontibus.' Possibly a dictation-error, since there is no 'f' which a copyist could mistake for 'p.'

auctorite. Also the said parties subiected them self, with ther owne good wille, to the ordeynyng and wille of the worshipfull fadir bisshop of lyncolne, that he shold haue full power of aboue-said composicion, to compelle the said parties to kepe the composicion yf they wold not. And that this composicion shold abide riall and perpetuall, they put-to theire seales, and also the seales of the parties, euerych to other, to this composicion I-chartered. I-acted at Godestowe, in seynt Barnabe day the appostle, the yere of grace a thousand CC xxxix.

as also Godstow, and the vicar, submitted themselves to the diocesan in respect of the above award.

[Barnabas = June 11.]

[776.] **A Confirmacion of the bisshop of lyncolne, confermyng the riall and perpetuel composicion bitwene Robert, Vicary of seynt Petir chirch at the Est of Oxenford, and the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe, & *cetera*.** 1239.

The Bisshop of lyncolne, Robert, willed to be know to all cristen men, that he had sey and behold the ordeynyng I-made by his welbeloved sonys in crist, maister Robert Cadeneye his officiall, and maister Roger Wyseham Archidekon of Oxenford, vpon the contrauersie I-meved bitwene Robert, vicary of seynt Petir in the Est of Oxenford, of the one parte, and the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of the other partie, in these wordes :—'Be hit I-know to all the childrem of our modir the chirch that ben to se and to here this present writyng of maister Robert Cadeneye, officiall of the bisshop of lyncolne, and Roger Wyseham, Archidekon of Oxenford, that we saw the lettres of our holy fadir the pope vndir this forme—"Gregory, bis shop, seruaunte of seruauntis, to his welbeloved childrem, dean and Archidekon of herford, helth and blissyng of the appostle. Robert, perpetuel vicary of the chirch of seynt Petir at the Est of Oxenford, playned, shewyng to hym that the abbot of Oseneye, and the abbesse of Godestowe and theire Couente, maister and bretherm of the hospitall of seynt Iohn without the Est yate of Oxenford, and some other of lyncolne Worceter and * Londom Citees and diocises, vpom tythes, possessions, quethyngis, and

Confirmation to Godstow, of preceding award, by Robert Grostête, bishop of Lincoln (1235–53),

acting on advice of his official and of the Archdeacon of Oxford, on perusal of the whole case; viz. Pope's commission.

* leaf 146, back.

other thynges, wronged the same. And therfor he comaunded to ther discrecoñ by his apostolike writyngis that, the parties I-called, and herde the cause, appelyng I-put a-side, that they shold with a dewe ende ende hit, makyng that that they decreed to be observed or I-kepid surely by the censure of the chirche, and that the witnesse that were I-called, yf they withdrow them-self for fauour haterede or drede, they shold constreyñ them to bere witnesse of the trouthe by the same censure, appelyng cesyng. The date at Viterbe the nonys of May, of his popehode the xj. yere. And whan the said Robert, vicary, by this maner auctorite, had I-draw the said Abbesse and Couente of Godestowe afore the said Iuges into ple, and had I-made to them vndir this fourme: The said vicary axed of the said abbesse and Couente tythes of ther mylles of wolgarecote, to the said chirch longyng of the commune lawe, for-asmoche as they beñ with-in the lymytes of the parissh of the said chirche. Also he axed the tythes of the norisshyng of their bestis, the which beñ I-fedde and ben I-logged with-in the lymytes of his parissh. Also he axed of the seruauntis of the abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, that beñ liynge or cowchaunte and vprisynge at wolgarecote, shold be I-constreyned to hire goddis seruyce at wolgarecote and ther to pay parochial rightis. These thynges said he, savyng to hym the benefice of lawe, the stryf lawfully vpoñ these thynges contestate. And whan the said Robert, vicary, personaly, and the said mynchons, by hereberte ther chapeleyñ, specially procuratour I-yefe to that, had I-swore in the presence of the bisshop of lyncolñ, and ther comperyng, ther hondes towchyng the holy godspelles, þat they shold stonde to his prouysioñ, arbitrement, and ordeynynge vp-on the said tythes I-axed, and vpon all thynges towchyng that plee, renounsyng to the said lettres and all other I-gete or to be gote, cauellacioñ, excepcioñ, and appelyng, and all remedy of bothe lawes. And whan the said mynchons had I-shewed in his presence their pryvilegis full spedefull by the which they were I-exempte fro the grauntyng of the said tythes of norisshyng of bestis, And was I-know to hym by the same pryvylegis, I-rede, I-rehersed, and I-vndirstonde, in his audience, [he] assoyled the same mynchons fro the said tythes of the norisshyng of bestis and of the other said tythes of medes, mylles, and of the

[=1238, May 7.]

Vicar's demand.

Godstow's plea of exemption.

seruauntis at Wolgarecote liyng and arisyng, resceivyng ther wagis and necessary vitaile of the hous of Godestowe (out-take seruauntes havyng wyfes or propir houses in the towne of wolgarecote), ordeynyng arbitryng and prouydyng, havyng god and right afore sight, with the counseil I-communed of wisemen, decreid that without stryf * they shold perteyne to the house of Godestowe for euer, and remayne: so, natheles, that all the tythes of the villenagis of medis and heyis of the same town shold be saf to the chirch of seynt Petir, in whos possession they were in the tyme of this composicion, that is to sey, of all the north mede, with the tythes of the hamme (the which were I-yove somtyme to the chirch of seynt Petir in the name of the tythes) the which is I-called herthesham, out-take ij. hammes the which ben of the demayn of the saide abbesse and Couente in the said northmede wherof the tythes were never I-yeve, And out-take ij. acres that ben also of the demayn of the said abbesse and Couente, the which longe to the mylle of wolgarecote, And out-take the hedes of the mylle crofte. And that the chirche of Godestowe, for the goodnesse of pease, shold be bounde to pay yerely iij. *shillings* to the vicary of seynt Petir at the Est of Oxenford, at the fest of seynt Martyn, in the chapell of Wolgarecote. The which partyes, and also Pounce of the welles, than person of the said chirche of seynt Petir, graunted and accepted, with opyn consent to them, riall composicion bitwen the said chirche to be stronge for ever. And the bisshop decreid his ordeynyng and prouision to be a riall composicion to the parties. And yf the bisshop of lyncolne wold conferme hit with his episcopall auctorite, the parties subiected them-self (with ther owne wille) to his ordeynyng and wille, that he shold haue power of the abouesaid composicion to compelle the parties not willyng to kepe the composicion. And that this composicion shold be riall and perpetuell, they made theire seales to be putte, euerych to others composicion I-chartered, also with the seales of the bisshop. I-acted and I-do at Godestowe, in seynt Barnabe the appostels day, the yere of grace Mt. CC. xxxix. And the bisshop, ratifiyng the same ordeynynge, al so moche as was in hym, confermed hit with his episcopall auctorite, as hit was customably and rightfully I-made.

Award made.

* leaf 147.

Ratification by the diocesan.

1239. **[777.] A memoriall I-made bitwene the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe and Robert vicary of seynt Petir of the Est of Oxenforde.**

Minute of agreement between Godstow and the vicar of St. Peter's in the East, in terms of the award (as in nos. 775 and 776).

Hit is to be mynded' this to be the fourme of the composicion I-be-gonne bitwene Robert, vicary of seynt Petir of the Est of Oxenford', of the one parte, and the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of the other parte, afore maister Robert Cadeneye officiall of lyncolne and maister Roger Wiseham archidekon of Oxenford', vpon the tythes of the mylles, medes, norisshyngis of bestis, and sequelys of seruauntis at Wolgarecote lying' and risyng', the which the said' Robert, Vicary, axed' of the said' mynchons, afore the archidekon of herford' and his felawes, delegatis of the pope, as longyng' by the commune law to the said' chirch of seynt Petir by the reson of the vicary: that is to sey, that the said' Robert, personally comperyng', and the said' mynchons, by hereberte her chapeleyn, specially procuratour I-yefe to that, swore, leiyng' ther hondes vpon the holy Godspellys, that they wold' stonde to the prouysion arbitrement and ordeynyng' of the said' officiall and archidekon vpon the said' tythes I-axed' and vpon all thynges towchynge *the same plee, renouncyng' to all thynges I-gete or to be gete, accion, cauillacion, and appelyng', and all remedy of bothe lawes. Than the said' official and Archidekon, the priuylegis of the mynchons I-sey and I-loked', assoyled' them fro the yevyng' of mynute or smale tythes, but of other I-axed' it was provyded' in this wise, of the said' officiall and archidekon, that the saide mynchons, for the goodnesse of pease, shold' yeve to the said' Robert, in the name of his chirche, iij. *shillings* yerely and vj. mark, for his expensis I-do in the stryf, And that yf hit happened' that the composicion bitwene parties myght be ryall, and yf hit were not riall, hit shold' be in the ordeynyng' and prouysion to prouyde another forme bitwene perties the obligacion of bothe parties abidyng' sure, and the renounsyng' of the same, vndir the forsaide fourme.

* leaf 147, back.

Godstow assoiled from giving the small tithes; vicar to receive a pension of 3*s.* yearly, and to be allowed £4 for his expenses in the suit.

1240. **[778.] A ratefiyng' of the same I-made by Pounce of Welles, person of Seynt Petir in the Est of Oxenforde, & *cetera*.**

Confirmation to Godstow,

The sentence of this ratefiyng' is, that Pounce of welles, person of seynt Petir chirche at the Est of Oxenford', willed' to

be know to all them þat se this writyng, that he, in the name of his chirch, had and toke hit for sure and to be plesed what-so-euer thynge the worshipfull men, maister Roger Wyseham Archidekon of Oxenford and maister Robert Cadeneye official of lyncolne, vpon the contrauersye I-moved bitwene Robert, vicary of his said chirch, of the one parte, and the abbesse and Couente of Godestowe of the other partie, vpon all the tythes of the mylles, medis, norisshyngis of bestis, and sequelis of seruauntis at wolgarecote liyng and vprisyng, comyng forth, the which the said vicary axed of the said mynchons, afore the dean of herford and his felawes, delegatis of the pope, as longyng to the said chirch of seynt Petir of right by the reson of his vicariage, they accorded to be ordeyned in this wyse, So nathelesse that Robert, Bisshop of lyncolne, the worshipfull, of his wille and consente expressed, the ordeynyng of the forsaid maisters I-made vpon the premysses fully I-loked and I-sey and I-vndirstonded diligently, shold haue power full, of the same ordeynyng, to chaunge, encrese, and to lessen, as he saw hit best to spede. And yf either of the other of the forsaid maisters myght not be at the forsaid ordeynyng to be made within the fest of seynt myghell next comyng, and that notwithstondyng that the said parties haue submytted them-self to the ordeynyng of the forsaid maisters Archidekon and official, the forsaide worshipfull fadir bisshop of lyncolne, vpon all the premysses, as he semyth best to spede, shold make an ordeynyng to dure for euer. And that this his ratefiyng shold abide afterward stedfast and sure, he strengthed hit with the defence and suerte of his sele to the forsaid abbesse and mynchons, with his owne good wille, he graunted to be sealed. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*. These thynges I-acted at the old temple at londoñ the yere of grace M^l^ . CC . and xl^ti^.

by the rector of St. Peter's in the East, of the award (as in nos. 775 and 776).

[The Old Temple, London.]

[779.] A Couenaunte I-made bitwene the Abbesse of Godestowe and

[Fragment.]

[A leaf is missing [1].]

[Wychwood Forest: nos. 312 and 324.]

[1] In the Exchequer MS., no. 778, is on leaf 139, and is followed by the 'Risindone' section, beginning with nos. 186, 187. The order in the English Register was therefore different; and we have thus no clue to the contents of the mutilated deed.

SOMERSET

[LAMYAT, near Bruton.]

[NOTE.—At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow was still in receipt (*Monast.* iv. 375) of the pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* from Lamyat church. The dedication of the church is to St. Mary and St. John Evangelist. The presentations at the time of the dissolution were :—1530, 27 Aug., John Pyll, presented by Godstow ; 1541, 30 Oct., Thomas Hunt, presenter not stated ; no date, John Cole, presented, on Hunt's death, by Richard Gwent, Archdeacon of London, and Thomas Powell, LL.B., to whom Godstow had granted next presentation ; 1555, Apr. 23, Thomas Cowper, presented by Carolus Dummer de Chiriton (North Cheriton, Somerset).]

* leaf 86, back. About 1190.

[780.] * **A Charter of Raynold̄, Bisshop̄ of Bathe, of Lamyet.**

Godstow having obtained the advowson from Baldwin de Columbers, the diocesan instituted Godstow presentee,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raynold̄[1], by the grace of god bisshop̄ of Bathe, willed̄ to be know that Baldewyn̄ of Columbarijs, in full̄ seyne[2] at Bathe, resigned̄ in-to his hondes all̄ the right that he had̄ in the chirch̄ of lamyet as aduocate and lord̄ of the grounde, and graunted̄ that chirche forsaid̄, *with* all̄ his *per*tynentis, to god and to the chirch̄ of Godestowe, for his sowle and of his *pre*decessours, into *per*petuel almesse. And therfore the bisshop̄ resceived̄, at the *pre*sentacion̄ of the abbesse and of the holy mynchons of Godestowe, into the *person̄*, Richard̄, Chapellayn̄ of[3] [. . .], the which, in the name of the same chirche of lamyet, is I-bound̄ for eu*er* to yeld̄ a yerely pension̄ of half a mark, to the chirche of Godestowe at the Vtas of Seynt Iohn̄ Baptist : that truly to be done, *with*-out gyle and Ivel[4] ymagynynḡ, the same Richard̄ put his hond̄, and behight surely by his trowthe to be hold̄ ; and that hit shold̄ be sure he strengthed̄ hit by his seale, & *cetera*.

subjecting the church to a pension to Godstow of 6*s.* 8*d.* on every July 1.

[1] Reginald Fitzjoceline, bishop of Bath, 1174-91.

[2] Latin is 'in pleno sinodo.'

[3] In the Latin : 'Ricardum Capellanum de Vol., qui nomine eiusdem ecclesie.'

[4] i. e. evil.

[781.] A-nother Charter of the same bisshop of Bathe confermyng the same.

About 1190.

Confirmation to Godstow, by the diocesan, of no. 780,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raynold, by the grace of god Bisshop of Bathe, willed to be know to all men, to put out of dowte thyngis I-do in that tyme, and they that shold bide more surere in tyme to come, made a graunte and confermed that graunte the which that Baldewyn of Columbarijs, for godis sake, and by his monycion, made to god and to oure lady and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there servyng god, vpon the chirch of lamyet, with all the pertynentis, to be had and to be hold frely and quyetly, into pure and perpetuel almesse, as hit was I-graunted of the forsaid Baldewyn; he graunted and confermed and made sure by the help of þis present writyng and puttyng to of his seale, ordeyned that they euery yere * toke, in the name of a pension, in the tyme of Richard, Chapellayn, in the same chirche, half j. marke of siluer. And after the dethe of the said Richard hit shold be lawfully to them, after ther owne Iugement, to encrese the pension, savyng the vicariage of the Chapelayn that shold serve for the same chirch euer.

* leaf 87. with power to take a larger pension after cession of present vicar.

[782.] * A Charter of Raynaund bisshop of Bathe of Lamiete.

* leaf 87, back. About 1190.

Incomplete draft of no. 781.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Raynaund, Bisshop of Bathe, willed to put out of doute tho thyngis that were I-do in tyme, and that they shold be more sure in tyme to come, confermed the graunte that Bawdewyn Columbers, for goddis sake, and [by] his steryng, made to god and to oure lady seynt marie and to the chirch of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons there seruyng god, vpon the chirche of lamyete, to be had and to be hold, with all his pertynentis, to the fore-writte monastery and to the forsaid mynchons, frely and quyetly, into fre pure and perpetuel almesse, as hit was I-graunted to them of the forsaid Bawdewyn; and to this graunte and confermyng, he strengthed hit by the puttyng to of his seale.

* leaf 87. 1220.

[783.] * A Charter of Robert Columbers confermyng the same.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Robert of Columbers, of the advowson, as in no. 780.

THE sentence of this Charter is, that Robert Columbers, for goddis sake and for the helthe of his sowle and of his fadir and of his modir and of all his auncetours and his successours, yaf, graunted & *cetera*, to god, & *cetera*, and to the mynchons of Godestowe, the chirche of lamyet, with all the pertynentis, into pure and perpetuell almesse, To be had and to be hold, frely, quyetly, worshipfully, wele, and in pease. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*.

1220, Oct. 6.

[784.] A fynall accorde I-made in the kyngis courte of þe pensiõn of Lamyet.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Robert Columbers, of all title in the advowson of Lamyat church,

THIS was the fynall acorde, I-made in the kyngis courte at westmynster, in the vtas of Seynt Michell, in the iiij. yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn, afore Robert le vere Erle of Oxenford, Martyn of pateshull, Raaf Hardyng, Thomas Heydon, Robert Raxinden, Iusticis, and other trew men of the kyngis there beyng present, bitwene Felice abbesse of Godestowe, axere, by Petir of Donyngton I-sette in her stede to gete or to lese, and Robert Columbers, deforsyng, of the Avowry of the chirche of Lamiete, wherof 'assise of the last presentacion' was I-summyned bytwene [them] in the forsaid courte, that is to sey, that the forsaid Robert knowleched the avowry of the forsaid chirch to be the right of the forsaid abbesse, and remytted it, and quyte-claymed hit, of hym and his heires, to the same abbesse and abbesses that sholde succede her and to the chirche of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe for ever. And the forsaid abbesse and couent resceived the same Robert and his heires in her almesse and praiers that shold be do afterward or fro that tyme forthe in her chirche of Godestowe for ever.

[Assise of the last presentation.]

in return for commemoration in the conventual prayers.

1222, Nov. 19.

[785.] A Charter of Iocelyn, Bisshop of Bathe, confermyng the same with another half marke of Siluer yerely.

Re-grant to Godstow, by Jocelyn de Welles,

THE sentence of this charter is, that Iocelyn, bisshop of Bathe, for the love of god, of the assent also and the wille of his chapiters, graunted to his welbeloved in crist abbesse

of Godestowe and mynchons there dwellyng, of the chirche of lamiete one yerely half mark, beside the half mark, the whiche they had euery yere before of the same chirche, So trewly that they shold take of the same chirche in the name of a perpetuell benefice j. hole marke, the which they were I-wonyd to take after the discesse of Iohn Bristowe, clerk, now of the same chirche person, to[1] the terme in the which they were I-woned to take the half mark, [that is to say,] at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist. And that this his yifte, & *cetera*. The date, by his owne hond, the xiij. kalende of Decembre, the xvj. yere of his bisshopriche.

bp. of Bath and Wells (1206–42), of a second 6*s* 8*d*. of yearly pension out of Lamyat church.

[786.] A Charter of the Priour and Couent of Bathe of Lamiete. 1222.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Robert, Priour, and Couent of Bathe, seyng the charter of the worshipfull fadir, Lord Iocelyn, Bisshop of Bathe, in * this fourme, that the said Iocelyn, by the grace of god bisshop of Bathe, for goddis sake, of the assent also and wille of his chapiters, graunted to his welbeloved in crist abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, of the chirche of Lamiete one half mark, yerely and j. other half mark, the which they were I-woned euery yere afore to take, so sothly, that after the dethe of Iohn Bristowe, clerk, now person of the same chirche, at the terme in the which they were I-wonyd to take the forsaid half mark, that is to sey, at the fest of the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, they shold take yerely in the name of a perpetuell benefice of the same one half[2] mark. And that this yifte shold be sure, & *cetera*. The date, by his hond, at Dorkecester, the xiij. kalendis of decembre, in the xvj. yere of his bisshopriche: they confermed and graunted the graunte aforsaid, of the worshipfull aforsaid, of the[r] commune assent, with this present writyng, and put to there seale, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, * leaf 87, back. by Bath priory, of no. 785.

[787.] A Charter of Peter, dean, and of the Chapiter of Welles, for Lamyete. 1222.

THE sentence of this charter is, that Petir[3], dean, and the chapiter of Welles, knowleched them-self to haue I-loked and

Confirmation to Godstow,

[1] For 'to' read 'at.'
[2] For 'half' read 'hole.'
[3] Peter de Cicetur, dean, 1220–36.

by dean and chapter of Wells, of no. 785.

behold' the charter of the worshipfull fadir, lord' Iocelyn, by the grace of god, bisshop of Bathe, to the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe I-yeve vndir this fourme: Iocelyn, by the grace of god, bisshop of Bathe, willed' to euery man to know that he, for * goddis sake, of the assent also and wille of his chapiters, graunted' to his welbeloved' in crist the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe of the chirche of lamyete one yerely halfmark, beside one other half mark, the which they toke before of that chirche euery yere, so, sothely, that they shold' take yerely of the same chirche one hole mark, in the name of a perpetuel benefice, aftir the decesse and dethe of Iohn Bristowe, Clerk, now person of the same chirche, at the terme in the which they were I-wonyd' to take the forsaid' half mark, that is to sey, at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist. And that this his graunte shold' be sure for ever, he put to this writyng his seale. The date, by his hond', at Dorkecestre, the xiij. kalendis of decembre, the xvj. yere of his bisshoprich: They, that is to sey, the chapiter, yaf assent to the forsaid' writyng, confermed' hit by the puttyng to of ther seale of there Chapitere.

* leaf 88.

* leaf 87, back. 1234, Oct. 7. On presentation by Godstow, Gilbert of Biham is admitted incumbent, Godstow pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* being reserved.

[788.] * A confirmacion of Iocelyn, Bisshop of Bath, of Lamyete.

Iocelyn, by the grace of god, bisshop of bathe, willed' to be know that, at the presentacion of Anphelice, abbesse, and of the Couent of Godestowe, he admytted' Gilbert Byham to the chirche of lamyete, and institute hym, in the same, person, willyng and grauntyng that he shold' haue and hold' that chirche with all his pertynentis, all the tyme of his lyf, frely holy and pesibly, as person, savyng a yerely mark, to the forsaid' abbesse and couent of the same chirche in the name of a perpetuel benefice by the hand' of the forsaid' Gilbert to be receyued' of the forsaid' mynchons in the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, Savyng also the bisshopes customes and the dignyte of his chirches in all thyngis. And that hit shold' be sure, he put to hit his seale. The date at Dorkecestre, by the hand' of maister water[1] Maydenestan, the saturday next after the fest of Seynt Feithe, The xxviij. yere of his Bisshopriche.

[Faith = Oct. 6.]

[1] i. e. Walter.

[789.] *A Charter of *Robert*, Bisshop of Bathe, of Lamyete. * leaf 88. 1280, July 12.

THE sentence of this charter is, that *Robert* [1], by the suffraunce of god bisshop of Bathe and of Welles, at the presentacion of his welbeloved doughtirs in crist, *Rose*, abbesse, and Couent of Godestowe, admytted maister henry Esse, Chanon of Welles, to the parissh chirche of lamyete, and institute hym perpetuel person, so nathelesse that the same maister henry, person of the fore-myn[d]ed chirche or another that shold be for the tyme, shold pay euery yere to the forsaid abbesse and Couent one marke of a yerely pension of the forsaid chirche in the fest of the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist. In-to witnesse of the same thyng, he lette make thise lettres patentis. The date, at Dogmerysfeld, the iiij. Ides of Iule, The yere of our lord Mł CC lxxx and Sixte yere of his bisshoprich.

Godstow presentee is instituted by the diocesan,

Godstow pension of 13*s.* 4*d.* being reserved.

[Dagmersfield, Hampshire.]

[790.] An Instrument that conteynyth that the person of lamyete sholde paye and bere his pension to Godestowe and that he sholde never resigne out of Englonde. 1376, Dec. 18.

IN-dei nomine amen, hit is I-shewed by this present Instrument openly to all men, that, in the yere of our lord a thowsand CCC lxxvj, the xviij. day of the monthe of decembre, the xv Indiccion, of the most holy fadir in crist and lord, lord [Gregory] the xj. by the prouidence of god, pope, the vjte yere, in the presence of me opyn notary and of witnesse vndir-writte, ser Thomas Fraunceys, a discrete man, personally I-sette preste vicare of the prebendall chirche of Button [2] of Worcetir diosise, said and also knowleched, with his own fre and good wille, as hit semed, in the presence of the lady prioresse of the monastery of the mynchons of Godestowe and of many other ladies and mynchons of the said monastery there beyng that tyme, [th]at [3] the parissh chirch of lamyete of the diocese of welles, longyng to the presentacion of the lady Abbesse and Couent of the monastery of mynchons of Godestowe, (the [4] forsaid chirch) was pensionary

Acknowledgement to Godstow,

by Thomas Francis, presentee,

[1] Robert Burnell, bishop 1275–92.
[2] Bitton, co. Glouc., near Bath.
[3] The translator comes to grief with the accusative and infinitive.
[4] Omit the bracketed words.

of the liability of the church to pay the yearly pension of 13*s.* 4*d.*; * leaf 88, back. and solemn undertaking that, if Godstow sanctioned his obtaining the church by exchange, he would pay the pension punctually, and that he would not resign out of England.

in one mark, of sterlyngis to be paid and dew euery yere to the abbesse and Couent of the monastery of mynchons of Godestowe aforsaid in the fest of seynt Michel. Furthermore the said Thomas Faunceys, prest, promysed, and also graunted, to the lady prioresse, and also to the ladyes and mynchons aforsaid * there at that tyme, in the name of the monastery and of there howse, to them there beyng present, that whan he had I-gete by wey of permutacion the said chirche of lamyete aforesaid, than the same Thomas Faunceys wold brynge yerely, or purveye to be brought, with his owne costis and expensis, the said yerely pension of j. mark, and holy and truly wold paye hit with-in the viij. dayes of seynt Michell. Also he promysed þat he wold never resigne the said chirch of lamyete out of Englond or the Ream of Englond, to the which all and euerych to be do, fulfilled, and to be hold, the said Thomas Faunceys preste graunted and made an othe bodely there, touchyng at that tyme the holy godspelles of god. Vpon the whiche all, the said Thomas, preste, requyred instantly an open notary to make one or mo Instrumentis, bothe to them and also to other of the which myght be interesse therof. All these thyngis were I-do in the Chapell of oure lady in the monastery of Godestowe aforesaid, the yere, Indiccion, [yere] of the pope, monthe, day, and place aforsaid there beyng present at that tyme discrete men, sir William Mannyng, Iohn Spensere, and Geffrey Benham, clerkis of the diocisis of Well and lyncolne, and other witnessis speciall to fore-put thyngis I-called and praied; and Edmond Warham, clerk, of Norwych diocise, opyn notary by auctorite of the pope and of the Emperoure, all the fore thyngis and euerych, while they were so I-labored and I-draw, herd, and wrote, and turned into this open forme, and signed hit with his signe and name [usual] and wonyd, I-prayed and requyred, in-to feyth and witnesse of all the afore-put thyngis.

SUSSEX

[Bodington.]

[Note.—In 1291, in pope Nicholas IV's valuation, Godstow property in Bodington and Old Shoreham was returned as worth £4 18*s.* yearly. At the dissolution in 1540 (*Monast.* iv. 374) it was put at £5 13*s.* 4*d.*, and the charges on it were 6*d.* to the Duke of Norfolk for a pair of gilt spurs, payable in Bramber Castle, and 2*s.* for a fine for leave of absence from his court, and a fee to the duke's bailiff for collecting that rent at Godstow.]

[791.] *A Charter of Raynold' of Brensia, confermyng to Henry of seynt waleric, for his homage and service, hugh de la punde, with all his catalles and sequelis, and all the lond' that the same Symond' holdith in Bodyngton. * leaf 214, back. About 1218.

* leaf 215. Grant to Henry of St. Valerie, byReginald de Braose, lord of Bramber (1215–22), of manorial rights and land in Bodington,

*The sentence of this Charter is, that Raynold' of Brensia yaf, graunted, and by there charter confermed, to henry of Seynt waleric, for his homage and service, Symond' de La Punde, with all his catalles and with all his sequele, and with all his lond', which the same Symond' holdith in Apsele, and with all the lond' that the same Symond' holdith in Digehurste and in the punde, with all his pertynentis, and Middelcote, with all his pertynentis, and all the lond' of the hoke, with all the pertynentis, and all the lond' of Bodyngton, with the pertynentis, and all the lond' which walter of Draypode held', with the pertynentis, that is forto sey, iiij. acres of lond' which lieth next Redewelle, and an acre of lond' above Shiplond', and vj. acres of lond' in Foxenhole, and a yerde lond' with his pertynentis next Northbroke, and the lond' that the forseid' Symond' held' in Crokehurst, and a mesuage that was of walter of Draypode in Stanhynges, and an acre of lond' that Eleyne wedow held', and ij. water[1] mylles, in olde Shoreham, the which Trenchemer myller holdith: To have and to hold, all þe forseid' tenementis, with all his pertynentis, to hym and to his heires and to whom-

of a messuage in Steyning, and 2 water-mills in Old Shoreham.

[1] Probably tidal-mills.

so-ever he wille yeve and assigne it, of hym and of his heires, in fee and heritage, frely, quyetly, holy, in all places and all thyngis, with all maner of lybertees and fre customes, yeldyng therof yerely to hym and to his heires, he and his heires or his forsaid assigneis, a paire of sporres over-gilte price of vj. d, at the Castell of Brembele at the fest of seynt Mighell, for all service, exaccion, and custome, which to the same lond perteyneth or may perteyne. And the forseid Raynold and his heires, all the forseid tenementis with all ther pertynentis before-named, to the forseid henry his heires or to his forseid assigneis, ayenst all men and women shall warantize. And that this ferme and stable for evermore sholde abide, to this present writyng he put to his seale, These beyng witnesse: ser henry Bisshop of Landaaf, Richard le Breet, Robert Le Waffre, Robert of Brensia, Robert Le Saluage, Robert Bonet, henry of waynestanesdon, Robert of wrynell, Iohn Counte, Adam Talcurteys, Raaf Tabulere, Thomas the sone of Barnard, and other.

Quit-rent = pair of gilt spurs of 6*d.* value, to be paid at Bramber Castle, on Sept. 29.

[Henry, bishop of Llandaff, 1191–1219.]

About 1230.

[792.] A Charter of henry of seynt waleric confermyng to the mynchons of Godestow all his lond in Bodyngton.

Grant to Godstow, by Henry of St. Valerie, of lands in Bodington (a portion of no. 791), * leaf 215, back. and of the sites of two mills in Old Shoreham, subject to the quit-rent of a pair of gilt spurs at Bramber Castle.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry of seynt waleric yaf, graunted, and by his present charter confermed, to the chirche of god and of our lady seynt marie and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons ther servyng god, all his lond of Bodyngton, with the pertynentis; and all his lond that walter * of Draipode helde, with the pertynentis; and with the dwellyng places of two water mylles in olde Shoreham, which Trenchemere myller held somtyme: To have and to hold, to the same holy mynchons, in fre and perpetuel almesse, of the heires of Raynold of Brensia, by the same service that he was wonte to make, that is to sey, a paire of sporres over-gilte price of vj. d. to be yelded atte Castell of Brambre at the fest of seynt Mighell, for all maner of service, exaccion, and custome, which to the same lond perteyneth or may perteyne, As in the Charter the which the same Raynold made to hym more pleynly it is conteyned. Thise beyng witnesse: ser hubert of Canule, Adam Turcurteys, william Bernens, william of Granestude, Raaf of Seynt Andrewes, Robert of seynt Andrewes, Hugh

of Combe, Stephyne le Puere, Richard of Cunert, Raaf of Broch, and other.

[793.] A fynall accorde I-made bitwene Iohn of seynt Waleric and the abbesse of Godestow for a mese and a plough-lond in Buddyntoñ. 1255, Nov. 12.

The sentence of this fynall accorde is, y-made in the kyngis court at Cycestre, in the morow aftir seynt Martyne, the yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn the xl., before Gilbert of Prestoñ, Roger of wyrcestre, william of Englefeld and william of Cobeham, Iustices, and other the kyngis trew peple ther beyng present, bitwene Iohn of seynt walerico, axer, and Emme, Abbesse of Godestowe, defender, of a mese and a plough-lond, with his pertynentis, in Buddyngtoñ, wherof an 'assise of mort-mayñ[1] of his antecessours' was takeñ bitwene hem in the same Courte, that is for to sey, that the forsaid Iohn knowlechede the forseid mese and lond to be the right of the forseid Abbesse and of her chirche of Godestowe, as tho which the same Abbesse and her chirche aforseid had of the yifte of henry of seynt walerico, fadir to the forseid Iohn: To have and to hold, to the same Abbesse and to other Abbesses þat shall succede her and [to] her chirche aforseid, of the chief lordes of that fee, in fre and perpetuel almesse for evermore, to do therof all maner of service which to the forsaid mese and lond perteyneth. And for this recognycioñ, fyne, and accorde, the same Abbesse yaf to the forseid Iohn thre score mark, in siluer.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by John of St. Valerie, in Chichester assizes, of all title to his father Henry's lands in Bodington (as in no. 792). For this Godstow paid £40.

[794.] An acquytance of the forsaid Iohn, I-made to the Abbesse of Godestowe of xl. li. in full payment for Buddyngtoñ. 1257, July 7.

The sentence of this acquytance is that Iohn of seynt walerico, sone of henry of seynt walerico, knowlechede hym-self to have fully resceived, of the Abbesse and Couente of Godestow, xl. li. of sterlyng * money for the fynall concorde bitwene hym made, on that one partie, and þe abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, on that other partie, for londis and tenementis in Bodyngtoñ, with the pertynentis, whiche they had of the yifte of the forseid henry his fadir, wherof a ple was takeñ at Chichestre before ser Gilbert of Prestoñ, Roger of wy[r]ceture, william of Englefeld,

Receipt to Godstow, by John of St. Valerie, for the £40 * leaf 216. awarded in no. 793.

[1] In error for 'assise of mort d'auncetur.'

and william of Cobeham, Iustices, and other the kyngis trew men ther beyng present, was meved bitwene hym, askyng, and the forsaid abbes and Covent, holders, by a writte of 'assise of deth of his auncetours,' as the writyng bitwene hem more playnly berith witnesse. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng he put to his seale. The date at Godestow, in the day of the translacion of seynt Thomas the martir, The yere of the reigne of kyng henry the sone of kyng Iohn xlj°.

About 1260.

[795.] A Charter of william Bernevall I-made to the mynchons aforseid.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by William Bernevall, of all title in a ditch.

The sentence of this charter is, that william Bernevall graunted and quyteclaymed, for hym, his heires, and his assignes, vnto the Abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe, all the right and clayme þat he had, or in any maner wise myght have, in a diche, of which stryf and ple was in the Courte of Brembre, which is diched bitwene the crofte called herbelot and the culture called the hamehore in the parissh of westnesthon: To have and to hold, the forseide diche, with his pertynentis, as the metis and boundes bitwene hem shewen, to the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons and to ther successours: So that he, fro thens-forthe, in the forseid diche, with his hangyngis[1], that[2] none for hym, by hym, or in his name, nor none of his heires nor his assignes, ony maner right or clayme fro hens-forth may chalange or have, [but] therof to be excluded for evermore. And for this graunte and quyte-clayme, the forsaid Abbesse and Covent yaf to hym v. *shillings* vj. d. before-handes, by the hondes of Thomas, than servaunt of Buddyngton. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng he sette to his seale. These beyng witnesse: Raaf of west nesthon, marchaunt, Adam hereny, henry le Bugh, william le wythe, Raaf de la Breche, Geffrey de la lawe, william Mareschall of Steninge, and many othere.

[West-meston, Sussex.]

Purchase-money, 5*s.* 6*d.*

[Steyning, Sussex.]

About 1260.

[796.] A-nother charter of the same william, I-made to the seid mynchons, of a commune pasture vpon the sonde and in hursbroke and in the Breche and in the Gore.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by William

The sentence of this charter is, that william Bernewall, sone of Robert Bernevall, yaf, graunted, quyteclaymed, and by his

[1] i. e. pertinents. [2] Read 'nor,' for 'that.'

charter confermed, to god and to the chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of * Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god and to serve for ever, all the right that he had, or myght have, in tho commune of pastures which he was wont to have with his bestis, in commune pasture *with* the bestis of the forsaid holy mynchons of Godestowe, that is to sey, vp-on the sonde and in hursbrok, and in the Breche and in the Gore, for hym, his heires, and his assignes for evermore: So that the seid william Bernevall, neither his heires, ne his assignes, no maner of right in the forsaid pasturis may chalange. Wherfor he willith and grauntith that the said holy mynchons have, frely and quyetly, wele and in pease, in fre pure and *per*petuel almesse, all the forseid commune of pasture which he was wonte to have in the forseid places, as it is before specified, fro all exaccion, custome, service, demaunde, grevaunce, which to hym or to his heires or to his assignes, in any maner wise, of the forseid pastures myght belonge. And the forseid william Bernevall, and his heires, and his assignes, all that commune of pasture in the places beforenamed, to the forseid holy mynchons, and to their successours, shall warantize and defende ayenst all maner of men for evermore. For this yifte, graunte, quyte-clayme, and of this *present* charter confermyng, the forseid holy mynchons yaf to hym xj. *shillings* in warison, Thise beyng witnesse: *ser* william of wistenestoñ, knyght, *ser* hugh of Boncy, knyght, *ser* walraude of Munceaus, knight, Nigell of Broke, Hamond Bonet, Robert of Bordevile, walter his sone, henry of the low, william de la lowe, Raaf of Changetoñ, humfrey of Gatewey, Richard of Esse, william his sone, walter the *par*soñ-is sone of wysteneston, Robert his brother, and many other.

Bernevall, * leaf 216, back. of all title in certain rights of common pasture.

Purchase-money, 11*s*.

[Westmeston, Hurstmonceaux, co. Sussex.]

[797.] A quyte-clayme of william atte Mille of Metenynge.

1296, Oct. 22.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by William atte Mille, of all claim in the estate of his deceased brother-in-

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, of all maner cove-n*aun*tis, contraversies, and exaccions, meved and to be meved, bitwene william atte Mille of Metenyng and Denyse his wyf, by reson of the goodes of Thomas, called of Estecote, somtyme seruant and keper of the maner of Buddyngton of the lady Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, brother of the forseid Denyse,

law, Thomas, late bailiff for Godstow of the * leaf 217. manor of Bodington,

on that one partie, and the lady Abbesse and Couent of Godestow on that other partie, vndir this forme, pease is reformed. That is for to sey, that neither he, nor none in his name nor in his wyfe's, * the same Abbesse and Couent before-remembred, by reson of the goodes aforseid, fro hens-forthe shall not vexe enplede, nother trouble, renuncyng expressely all maner of accions to hym perteynyng ayenst þe said lady Abbesse and the forseid Couent of the seid goodes to be exicute or of ony parte of hem. And yf hit happe, as god for-bede, the same lady Abbesse or Couent, by ony name of them, in Iugement or out, in what Courte of the chirche or seculer, by reson of the goodes of the seid Thomas, by hym, his wyf, or ony other what-so-ever they be, to be vexed or troubled, he bounden hym and his executours to all the damagis and expensis, what-so-ever hit were, that the forsaid Abbesse and Couent, or ony in their name, by occasion aforseid, maken or makith, [to] the seid abbesse and Couent for the tyme beyng to pay or to restore, to[1] the same[2] fro all maner of harmes which may falle, by reson aforseid, he shall kepe harmelesse. And for the good profite of the same lady Abbesse and Covent to be hadde, and all discorde bitwene hem to be sette a-side, he promised xx. *shillings* of sterlyngis at the fest of Seynt Michell in the monthe of Septembre in the yere of our lord god a thousand two hundred nynty and seven trewly to be paid in the Abbey of Godstow to theyme. To the which promyse, covenaunt, and reformyng of pease, wele and truly to be kept, the fore-named william made an othe bodely vpon a boke. And also that all maner of instrumentis, tayles[3], acquytaunces, and mynumentis of the same lady abbesse and Couent, which hath ben withdrawen, and ben with hym in kepyng, and that he hath recovered, truly he shall restore to them, by vertu of the same othe. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng he put to his seale, in the presence of ser Odo, parson of the chirche of Lamyeth; Maister william of kendale; Thomas of Mowy, Burgeis of Oxenford; Edmond of the parke of wodestok; Robert of Grafton; Iohn of Thormerton, Chapeleyne; william of heene; and william, than beyng bailly to the Abbesse of Godestow in the maner of Bodyngton. The date is

with payment of 20*s*

and with promise to give up to Godstow all documents relating to that estate.

[1] Read 'and,' for 'to.'

[2] i. e. Abbess and Convent.

[3] i. e. tallies.

at Godestowe, the monday next after the fest of seynt luce the Euangelist, in the yere of our lord god a thousand two hundred nynty and sixe. And the yere of the reigne of kyng Edward the sone of kyng henry xxiiij^ti^. [Luke = 18 Oct.]

[798.] A quyte-clayme of Iohn Clerk of Shoreham I-made to the Abbesse of Godestow, of xx. mark iij. *shillings* v. d ob*olus*. About 1300.

Quit-claim to Godstow, * leaf 217, back. by John clerk, of a claim against the convent of £14 *os.* 5½*d.*, in consideration of a life-rent in 3 acres in Old Shoreham, at yearly rent of 1*d.*

The sentence of this quyte-clayme is, that Iohn Clerk of * Shoreham hath relessed vnto the lady Abbesse of Godestow, and to all the Couent of the same place, the accion the which he enpleded ayenst hem of xx. mark iij. *shillings* v. d ob*olus* of dette, by-fore the kyngis Iustices, by a writte wherof he in all wise to hem quyte-claymed: So that he, neither none for hym, nor by hym, fro hens-forth hem shall vexe. And for this relese and quyte-clayme the forseid Abbesse and Covent yaf to hym iij. acris of lond in olde Shoreham: To have and to hold of them, as longe as he lived, by service of j. d by yere in seynt Mighelles day to be paid for al maner of service and exaccion, as in their charter which he hathe bereth witnesse: So that after his deth no man, by occasion of that takyng, ony maner of right in the forseid londis may chalange. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng he sette to his seale, These beyng witnesse: william Dogette, than bailly of Clere Symond; Danuers Pagan, than bailly of Sanford; hugh of Eton; Stephyne of Blebery, and many other.

WARWICKSHIRE

[BARTON-IN-THE-HEATH.]

* Exchequer MS. 1279, April. Claim by Godstow, for £1 rent-charge.

[799. * Final concord between Royseia, abbess of Godstow, and John of Cumpton.

THERE was a suit decided at Westminster, in Easter term, 7 Edward I, before Roger of Lye and other justices, between Godstow and John of [Long-]Compton, about payment in quarterly instalments of 20*s.* rent-charge in Barton in henmarshe, due by lands of Roger of Barton which said John held.]

1306, May 4. * Rawl. MS. leaf 214. Obligation to Godstow, by Thomas [le here]. in £10.

[800. Fragment.]

* paid[1] after the forme of theire feffement and obligacion as more playnly hit apperith. Elles the said obligacion of x. li. stonde at no strengthe ne vertu. In witnesse wherof, to this present writyng endented, *with*[2] the seale of the same Abbesse and the seale of the same Thomas enterchaungeably ben sette to. The date is at warwyk, the wedensday, in the morow after the Inuencion of the holy crosse, in the yere of the reigne of kyng Edward, the xxxiiijti.

1306, May 4.

[801.] An obligacion of the forsaid Thomas Le Here I-made to the Abbesse and Couent of Godestowe, & *cetera*.

Acknowledgement to Godstow, by Thomas le here, of a loan of £10,

THE sentence of this obligacion[3] is, that Thomas Le here, the sone of Roger Le here of Barton in henmerssh, knowleched hym-self to be bounden to Moolde, by the grace of god abbesse of Godestowe, and to her successours, and to the Couent of the same place, in ten pounde sterlyngis, of them I-borowed and

[1] The English Register resumes after a lost leaf. I have not found the deed in the Latin Register. The fragment refers to the same transaction as is noticed in no. 801.

[2] Omit 'with.'

[3] See in the Exchequer MS., leaf i. back.

resceiued: To be paid to them, or to their certeyne attorney, in the fest of the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, now next comyng after the date of this *pre*sente writyng, in the peyne of an hundred shillyngis to be paid vnto the subsidie of the holy londe, yf that defaute of the payment therof were made in *par*tie or in alle. Also he bounden hym, his heires, and assignes, by this present writyng, and all his londes and tenementis in the towne and feldes of Berton aforseid, to whos hondes thei shold come, to the distreynyng of the forseid Abbesse and her successours, or ther attorneys what-so-ever thei were, as often-tymes as they were behynde of ony part of a yerely rent of xx. *shillings*, in the which the *pre*decessours of the forseid Abbesse and Couent, by his *pre*decessours, first weren seised in the towne aforseid. In witnesse wherof to this *pre*sent writyng, he put to his seale. The date is at warwyk, the wedensday, in the morow aftir the Inuencion of the holy cros, The yere of the reigne of kyng Edward, the xxxiiij. These beyng witnesse: Thomas lord of Bersheston, Iohn lord of dycheford, Aleyn of Berston, Robert le Marshall, Symond waite, Iohn of Burmyngton, and Raaf the sone of william leuelance.

to be paid by June 24th under penalty of £5 forfeit to 'the subsidy of the Holy Land'; also grant of power of distraint over Barton manor for a rent-charge of £1.

[Invention of Holy Cross = May 3.] [Barcheston, Whichford, Burmington, co. Warw.]

[802.] A writte fro the kyng directed to the sheref of warwyk.

1412, May 12.

Order by Henry IV, to the sheriff of Warwickshire, ordering inquiry as to whether Robert * leaf 214, back. Clinton and John Ravis dispossessed Godstow of property in Barton, co. Warw.,

The sentence of this writte is, that Henry, by the grace of god kyng of Englond and of Fraunce and lord of Irelond, to the Sherif of warwyk sendith gretyng. Ther complayned to vs Elizabeth Felmersham, abbesse of Godestow, that Robert Clynton and Iohn Raves, vnrightfully and without iugement, disseised her of her fre tenement in Barton henmerssh, aftir[1] the goyng of kyng henry the sone * of kyng Iohn into Guyan. And therfor we comaunde the[2] that, yf the forsaid Abbesse fynde the[2] suerte to sewe her clayme, than [thou] make that tenement to be reseised, and the catalles, that may be there, taken, and the same tenement and catelles to be in pease, vnto a certayne day the whiche our welbeloued and trew Iames Strangweys and Iohn Ellerkere[3] to the[2] maketh knowlech. And bitwene that, to

[1] A law formula. Henry III went to Guienne 1242, and again 1253.

[2] i.e. thee.

[3] James Strangways, Serjeant-at-Law in 1410, and John Ellarker, in 1424.

by a jury of 12 of that 'view of frank-pledge.'

make xij. fre and trew men of that sight to se that tenement, and theire names put in wirte[1], And to somon hem, by good somonycious, that thei be than before the forsaid Iames and Iohn, and other which thei shalle associe to hem, to a certeyne place which the forsaid Iames and Iohn to the[2] shall yeve knowlech, to make redy ther the recognytours, And put (by weddys or sure pleggis) the forsaid Robert and Iohn (or their baillyfis yf thei be not I-founde), that thei be there to hire[3] that recognycion. And have ther the names of hem that ben I-somoned pleggis, and this writte: witnessyng my-self at westmynster, the xij. day of Maye, the yere of our reigne xiij.

1412, May 12.

[803.] A Commission of the kyng directed to his Iustices, & *cetera*.

Order by Henry IV to two commissioners to investigate Godstow claim, as in no. 802.

THE sentence of this commission is, that Henry, by the grace of god kyng of Englond and of Fraunce and lord of Irelond, to his welbeloued and trew Iames Strangweys and Iohn Ellerkere Sendith gretyng. Be hit knowen that we have made yow oure Iustices, with such as ye wille associe to yow, to 'an assise of new disseisyne' to be taken, which Elizabeth Felmersham, Abbesse of Godestowe, hath taken afore vs, by our writte, ayenst Robert Clynton and Iohn Raves, of tenementis in Berton heumerssh. And therfor I comaunde yow that[4], at a certayne day and place by yow to be provided, to take that assise, and to make and do ther-in as longith to right, aftir the law and custome of our reame of Englond, Savyng vs the amercimentis therof comyng. Also we have comaunded our Sherif of warwyk, that[4], at a certeyne day and place by yow to be assigned, to bryng that assise bifore yow. In witnesse wherof, thise we have made our lettres patentes, My-self beyng witnesse, at westmynstre, the xij. day of Maye, the yere of our reigne xiij.

[1] *sic* = 'write,' i.e. writing.
[2] i.e. thee.
[3] i.e. hear.
[4] The translator has often difficulties with the Latin accusative and infinitive of indirect narration: cp. p. 587, note 2. Here he brings in the English 'that,' but, after it, retains the Latin infinitive construction.

WILTSHIRE

[Broad Blunsdon.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's *Taxatio Ecclesiastica*, 1291, Blunsdon and Highworth are put together as bringing in to Godstow £5 yearly. At the dissolution, 1540, Blunsdon by itself was worth (*Monast.* iv. 374) £4 yearly; and a fee of 1*s.* 8*d.* was paid for it to the bailiff of the queen for Highworth hundred, and a further fee of 1*s.* for exemption from attendance at the court of that hundred.]

[804.] * A Charter of Robert of Aubre I-made to Roger of Wrytell for iij. acres and an half of lond in Brodebluntesdon. * leaf 208, back. About 1270.

The sentence of this charter is, that Robert Aubre of Brodebluntesdon, yaf, and graunted, and by his present charter confermed, to Roger of Wrytell of Brodebluntesdon and to his heires and to his Assigneys, thre acres and an half of arable lond in the feldis of Brodebluntesdon, with all theire pertynentis and libertees: That is for to sey, half an acre of lond in the westfeld in the Breche, next to the lond that was of Everard le knyt; and an half acre of lond vpon Clyue, next to the lond that was of Adam Governe; And an half acre of lond in Cranlekefurlong next to the lond that was of Walter Gore; and half an acre of lond in the Southfeld in Yorkelesfurlonge, next to the lond that was of Everard Le knyt; and an hede half acre next to Combe, and hit strecchith toward hewell; and an half acre of lond in Byndewerefurlonge, next to the lond that was Nigell le Ryche; and a partike in the Est feld in dodemannesbenlond, next to the lond that was Petir le Wele; and a partike in the same felde next to the lond that was [of] Adam Governe in Langfurlonge: To have and to hold, of hym and his heires, to the forseid Roger of wrytell, and to his heires and his assignes, and to whom-so-ever he wille assigne it, yeve hit, selle hit, or bequethe hit, bothe in sikenes and in helthe, in fee and heritage, fre and quyte, wele and in pease, in right heritage for evermore, without any impedyment or ony other reclamacion or vexacion of hym or of his heires fro hensforth, yeldyng therof yerely, to

Sale to Roger of Writele, by Robert of Aubre, of 3½ acres, described by half-acres and roods,

[*pertica* = perch.]

hym and to his heires, of the forsaid Roger and his heires or his assignes, j. d. at Estir for all seruyces, sutis of Courte, querelis, customes, helpis, wardis, eschetis, and all other seculer demaundes to hym and to his heires perteynyng, and for all (other [1]) foreyne service, Savyng to hym and to his heires resonable relef. And the forsaid Robert and his heires, to the forsaid Roger and his heires and to his assignes, the forsaide thre acres of lond and an half acre of lond, with all his pertynentis over all, and liberteis, ayenst all lordis and Iustices and also ayenst all men and women that may make any clayme therto, at his owne costis, shal warantize, acquyte, and defende, for evermore. And for this his yifte, graunte, confermyng, and *warantizyng, the forseid Roger yaf to hym xl. *shillings* before-handis, And also he willed, yaf and graunted, and by his present charter confermed, and warantized ferme and stable for evermore: and vnto þis present charter with his seale he hath I-strengthed it. Thise beyng witnesse: ser valeryan [2] of Bluntesdon, Roger of Labury, Roger the sone of Bryan of Bluntesdon, william of laozora, Iohn Nywemañ, Richard of Hamptoñ, Clerk, and many othere.

subject to quit-rent of 1*d.* a year,

and to 'reasonable relief.'

* leaf 209. Purchase-money, £2.

* leaf XVII or 29, back. About 1270. Incomplete and incorrect duplicate of no. 804.

[805.] *A Chartur of Robert aubrey I-made to Roger writelle.

The sentence of þys chartur is, þat Robert aubrey of brode-bluntesdon gafe, & grauntyd, & confirmyd with hys wrytynge, to Roger of wrytelle of brodebluntesdon, & to hys heyrys, or to hys assynys, thre acrys of londe & a halfe acre of londe in medys [3] in þe same town, with all hys pertynences & liberteis, þat is to sey, on halfe acre in þe weste mede [3] in þe breche nyhe þe londe þat was of euerarde le knyht, & j. halfe acre vppon clyue nyhe þe londe þat was of adam Somer, & j. halfe acre of hys londe in cranlekeforlonge nyhe þe londe þat was of walter Gore, & j. halfe acre in þe sowþe feelde in þorkeleforlonge [4] nyhe þe londe þat was of Euerarde le knyht, & j. halfe hede acre in lacumbe [5] & strecchyth hym-selfe towarde hewle, & j. halfe acre in byndebereforlonge nyhe þe londe þat was of Nigelle le

[1] Omit 'other' (Exchequer MS., leaf 19).
[2] 'Walerand' in Exchequer MS.
[3] Read 'fields': 'in campis' is translated as if it were 'in pratis.'
[4] See 599/11. Probably Thorkill's furlong.
[5] ? 'la cumbe.'

Richard', and j. perch in þe est felde in dodemanesforlonge nyhe þe londe þat was of petur le wele, & j. perch in þe same feelde nyhe þe londe þat was of adam Somer in langeforlonge, to be had & to be holde, of hym & of hys heyrys, to þe seyde Roger writele, & to hys heyrys, or to hys assynys, or to whom-so-euyr he wylle assyne, gyf, sylle, or by-quethe hyt, & whe*n*-so-euer he wylle, lykewyse as well in sekenes as in helþe, in fee & herytage, frely & quietly, wel & in pece, by Riht herytage for euyr, w*ith*-out ony lettynge or reclaymynge or vexynge of hym or of hys heyrys her-aftur, paynge þer-of yerly to

[Leaf XVIII of the old paging is cut out.]

[806. * Acknowledgment[1] made by Godstow to Adam of Stratton.

* Monast. iv. 367. 1284, Aug. 22. Godstow admits liability, to the overlords, for feudal services, and compounds for wardship.

Mabel, abbess of Godstow, and the convent acknowledged that they owed to Adam and his heirs all feudal services due from the lands in Broad Blunsdon which Roger of Writele gave to Godstow, viz. homages, fealties, scutages, helps, reliefs, suits of manorial courts and hundred courts, etc., due either to Adam himself or to the lady Isabella de fortibus[2], countess of Albemarle. Godstow further agreed to pay a marc of silver for wardship on each vacancy of the abbess-ship by death, resignation, or deposition, payment to be made by the new abbess immediately on her admission. St. Bartholomew's Day, 1284.]

[807.] * A Charter of Bryan Bluntesdon for iij. lj. of wex for a cerge brennyng afore the crosse in seynt myghel chirche of heyworthe.

* leaf 148, back. 1284, Sept. 25.

Grants, by Roger of Writele, to St. Michael's church, Highworth,

The sentence of this charter is, that William Brian the sone of Bryan of Bluntesdon willed to be know hym-self and his heires to be holde, and bounde, to god and to the chirche of seynt Mighel of heyworth in iij. li. of wexe, yerely in the morow[3] of seynt Michel, to paye to j. serge, euery day to brenne

[1] I have found no manuscript copy of this. It is of interest as applying the feudal claim for wardship to the property of a body corporate during the vacancy of the headship.

[2] Isabel (died 1293), daughter of Baldwin de Redvers, 7th earl of Devon (died 1245), widow of William de fortibus, 3rd earl of Albemarle (died 1256), was heiress of her brother Baldwin, 8th earl of Devon (died 1262).

[3] 'the eve,' in the Latin (Exchequer MS., leaf 183).

of wax-candle, in memory of his wife; and to St. Leonard's church, Blunsdon, of lamps,

at the masse, afore the crosse, for the soule of Isabelle that was the wyf of Roger of Writele, to be susteyned for euer: And also for[1] ij. lampes to be susteyned with oyle, in seynt leonardis chirch of Bluntesdon, that is to sey, j. lampe brennynge thurgh all the sonday nyghtis and thurgh all the nyghtis of hye festis, that is to sey, of the festis of Alhalewyn, Cristmasse, Ester, Ascencion, Whitsontide, Trynyte, Natyuyte of seynt Iohn baptist, and of all the festis of our lady; And another lampe, brennynge euery day at the masse, afore the auter of our lady seynt mary and seynt katheryne, for the sowle of the said Isabell, and of Isabell that was the modir of the said Roger; And also in ij. d. to be paid yerely to the brethered[2] of Ierusalem, the sonday next after the gule of August (that is to sey, lammasse day), in the forsaid chirch of Bluntesdon, for the forsaid Roger and his auncetours for euer. And to þese afore-putte thyngis to be truly do, he bounde hym-self and his heires for euer to the Iurisdiccion and constreynynge of the vicary of heyworth that shold be for the tyme, or to the person of the same place yf hit happened to be without a vicary, the which shold compelle by all censure of the chirch to all the fore-put thyngis truly to be do for euer, vndire peyne of half j. mark, of siluer to the worke of the same. *at Godestowe, the Sonday next afore the fest of Seynt Mathew the appostle and Euangelist, the xvij. yere of kyng Edward the soue of kyng Edward.

in memory of his wife and mother; and to the [= Aug. 1.] Knights Hospitallers, of a rent-charge, placing under penalty of 6*s.* 8*d.* the person by whom payment should be made.

* leaf 149. [Matthew = Sept. 21.]

[Note.—The right date is in the Latin (Exch. MS., leaf 183), 13th year of Edward the son of king Henry, i.e. 1284. 17 Edward II would be 1323. The Latin has also a clause showing that Roger of Writele obtained this concession by purchase: viz. 'And for this, the said Roger gave to me and to my heirs 3½ acres of arable in Bluntesdon, and 5*s.* of yearly rent charged on his land in Westwydyhill.']

* leaf 209, back. 1285, June 10. Licence in mortmain by Edward I, allowing Roger of Writele to feoff

[808.] *A Confirmacion of kyng Edwarde[3], & *cetera*.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Edward, by the grace of god kyng of Englond lord of Irelond and duke of Guyan, To all tho that thise *present lettres* shall come to Sendith gretyng. Notwith-stondyng that by the comon counseil of our Reame hit is prouided that it shal not be lefull to religious peple to entre the fee of ony man, So that to morte-

[1] 'in duabus lampadibus cum oleo sustinend*is*.'

[2] 'fraternitati.'

[3] 'of land and rents in Brodebluntesdone and Chelworthe' (Exchequer MS., leaf 19).

mayñ hit sholđ come to, *with*out our licence and of the chief lordis of the which the same thynge was holden, willyng^ nevertheless to our welbeloved^ Roger of wryteñ by speciall grace we have yoven licence in as moche as is in vs, that he a[1] mesuage, sixe yerdes lond^, *with* a mylle, and thirty shillyngis of rent, with the *per*tynentis, in Brode Bluntesdoñ and Chelleworth, may yeve and assigne to our welbeloued^ in crist the Abbesse and Covent of Godestow: To hold^ and have, to hem and to their*e* successours for evermore. And to the same Abbesse and Covent, to[2] the forsaid^ Mesuage, lond^, mylle, and rent, of the forsaid^ Roger may resceive, by this present writyng, in like wise, we have graunted^ special lycence. Not willyng^ that the same Roger nor the forsaid^ Abbesse and Covent by reson of the statute aforseid^ by vs or by our heires therof be occasioned^ in any wise or greved^. Savyng^ nathe-lesse to the chief lordis of that fee services therof dew and acustomed^. * In witnesse of which thynge thise we have made our *lett*res patentis: witnessyng^ my-self, at westmynstre, the tenthe day of Iuyñ, The yere of our reigne xiij.

Godstow in no. 809, viz. a messuage, 6 yardlands, a mill, and quit-rents, and empowering Godstow to receive them.

* leaf 210.

[809.] * A Chart*er* of Roger of Wryteñ I-made vnto the Mynchons of Godestowe of all his londes in Brodebluntesdoñ, in Estthorp̄, in Heylbreche[3] and in Chelleworthe, & *cetera*.

* leaf 209.

1285.

Grant to Godstow, by Roger of Writele, of all his lands and manorial rights

in Broad Blunsdon, Eastrop, Highworth, and Chalworth,

The sentence of this chart*er* is, that Roger of wryteñ of Brodebluntesdoñ, with the consent and wille of Agneis his wyf, yaf, graunted^, and by his *pre*sent chart*er* confermed^, and all-wey for hym and his heires quyteclaymed^, to god and to the chirch of our Lady Seynt Marie and of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow and to the mynchons ther servyng^ god and for evermore to serve, for the helthe of his soule and of Agneis his wyf and of Isabell somtyme his wyf, and for the soules of their fadirs and Modirs and for all their good^ doers, in fre and *per*petuel almesse, all his londes in Brode bluntesdoñ, and in Estthorp̄ in the towne of Heylbreche[3], and in Chelleworthe, with mansions and bildyngis, gardeyns, Culuerhouse, Mille, fre holders, bondholders, with all her sequele, Coterell, rentis, werkis, helpis, wardis, relefis, eschetis, fynes of londes, redempcions of progeny-

[1] Observe Latin order: agent, object, verb; instead of English: agent, verb, object.

[2] For 'to' read 'that they.'

[3] In error for 'Heyworthe.'

tours, medis, lesues, pastures, scutagis, sutis of Courtis, with all maner other libertees and fre customes to all tho londis perteynyng in all the places aboueseid, without any witholdyng to hym or to his heires or to ony other in the world, and with al þat that to hym or to his heires or to ony other by any maner of right myght falle to: To have and to hold, all the forseid londes, with all theire other pertynentis aforseid, to the seid chirche of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther servyng god and for evermore to serve, frely, quyetly, in pease, holy for evermore, Of the lordis of the feis, makyng to hem services dew and acustomed: And to the forsaid mynchons yerely in the day of his obite xl. *shillings*, to a pytaunce in remembraunce * of his soule. And for this yifte, graunte, and of this present charter confermyng, and quyteclaymyng, the forsaid Abbesse and mynchons his soule, and the soules of the forsaid Agneys and Isabelle his wyfes, theire Fadres, and modres, and all theire good doers, in all theire suffragis, praiers, almesdedes, and fastyngis, for evermore, specially they have resceived. And that this his yifte, graunte, confermyng, and quyteclaymyng, [might] be had ferme and stable, to abide for evermore, to this present writyng he put to his seale. These beyng witnesse: ser Iohn of Wy[n]ton than beyng Sheref of wilteshire, ser Robert of Meysey, Richard La Ryver, Iohn Wallerand, knyghtis, Philip Le Gay, Iohn Aylemere, Iohn of Grauntbrigge, Roger de la bury, Roger Bryan, Nigell of Stokes, Philippe Le Botte, and many other.

out of which £2 is to be spent as a pittance on his anniversary.

* leaf 209, back.

Godstow is to give a place in the prayers of the community to Roger and his relatives.

[Note.—There is missing from these deeds the agreement between Godstow and this benefactor, which stated the services which the convent undertook to render. At the dissolution, 1540, we find (*Monast.* iv. 370) Godstow paying out, for Roger of Writtell's soul £1 14*s.* 8*d.* a year, being 8*d.* a week given alternately to the Black Friars and to the Grey Friars of Oxford; and a further sum of £1, being 3*s.* 4*d.* in money, a bushel of 'oytemell' (oatmeal), and a bushel of peas, given in Lent to each of the four friaries in Oxford (Black, Grey, White, Austin: Wood's *City of Oxford*, ii. 311, 342, 413, 445).]

* leaf 148. 1285.

[810.] * A Charter of Roger of Writele of Brodebluntesdon for alle his londes and tenementis in Brode-bluntesdon.

Duplicate of no. 809.

The sentence of this charter is, that Roger of Writele of Brode-bluntesdon yaf, graunted, & *cetera*, to god and to the

chirche of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to the mynchons ther seruyng god and to serue for euer, for the helth of his sowle and Anneys his wyf and Isabelle somtyme the wyf and for the sowles of their fadirs and modirs and of all ther benefetours, into fre and perpetuel almesse, all his londes and tenementis in brodebluntesdon and in Esthorp in the towne of heyworth and in Chelewrth, with mansions, bildyngis, gardens, culuerhowses[1], mylles, fre tenauntes, bondemen (villenagis or bonde holdes), with ther sequelis and catallis, coterellis, rentis, workyngis, helpis, wardis, * relefis, eschetis, almaner fynes of londes, redempcions (or ayene-biyngis) of progenitours (or fadirs-afore), medis, fedyngis[2], pastures[2], pondis, sutis of courtis, with all other liberteis (or[3] fredoms) and fre customes longyng to the forsaid tenementis in ony wise or by right, without ony agayn-holdyng: To be had and to be hold, with all ther pertynentis I-named, to the said chirch of Godestowe and to the seid mynchons and to ther successours ther seruyng god and to serue for euer, frely quyetly wele and in pease for euer, of the chief lordes of tho fees, Doyng therof to them all seruyces dew and I-wonyd that longen to the forsaid londes and tenementis: and to the said mynchons, euery yere in the day of his anniuersary, xl. shillings, to a pytaunce into mynde of his sowle. And for this yifte, graunte, and confirmacion, þe forsaid abbesse and mynchons resceived specially his sowle, and the sowles of Anneys his wyf, and Isabell his wyf, of theire fadirs and modirs and of all theire benefetours, for euer in ther suffragis, orisons, almesse, and vigilis. And that this ther yifte, & *cetera*.

* leaf 148, back.

[811. *Quit-claim to Godstow by Robert Wardebeke, of lands in Bluntesdon, Cheleworth, and Esthorp.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 19, back. $129\frac{7}{8}$, Jan. 27.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Robert Wardebek, of all title in no. 809. [Purification = Feb. 2.]

Robert Wardebek, son and heir of Richard Wardebek of Fershysdon, quit-claimed to Godstow all right and title in lands and tenements in the vills of Brodebluntesdone, Estthorp, Heyworth, and Cheleworth, in mansions[4], buildings, etc., which Godstow had of the gift and feoffment of Roger of Writele.

At Godstow, Monday before Purification, 26 Edward I.]

[1] 'culver' is an old word for a dove.
[2] 'pascuis, pasturis,' in the Latin.
[3] 'or fredoms' is an inserted explanation of the word 'liberties' (libertatibus).
[4] The formula is exactly as in no. 809.

*Exchequer MS. leaf 19, back. 129$\frac{7}{8}$, Jan. 27.

[812. * Warranty of Robert of Wardebek of the same.

Warranty to Godstow, by Robert Wardebek, of no. 809.

ROBERT of Wardebek, son and heir of Richard Wardebek of Fershysdon, warrantizes to Godstow the gift they had from Roger of Writele in Brodebluntesdon, Estthorpe, Heyworth, and Chelworth.]

[CHALWORTH, near Cricklade.]

* leaf XXIII or 34. 1272, Dec. 13. Lease to Roger of Writele, by William of Basemley,

[813.] * Chartur of Roger writell of Cheldeworthe.

THE sentence of þis is, þat a couenant was made by-twene william of basemley of þe on party & Roger of wrytele & anneys hys wyfe of þe oþer partye, in þe day of seynt lucye uirgyn, next after þe dethe of henry þe sone of kynge Iohn, in þis wyse: þat is to sey, þat þe seyde william, with the assent & goode wille of Iulian hys wife & of hys heyrys, toke & left [1], to the seyde Roger of writel & to anneys hys wyfe & to hys heyrys or hys assynys, all hys londe the * whyche is callid assart, with þe mede þe whyche is called suggemede, in þe grounde of cheldeworþe, þat is to sey, of postcuneheheued vn-to þe wey þat ledyth toward þe hows of Richard of woode, & of tristale vn-to þe londe of Iohn of woode, the terme by-gynnynge at þe feste of seynt mihel vn-to þe terme of xij. yere next folowynge & fully complete, to be had & to be holde, to þe seyd Roger & to hys heyrys or hys assynys, all þe foreseyde londe, with þe mede lyynge þere-to, & with all her pertinences, in medys pasturys woodys weyis pathys & in all other places, with all fredoms & fre customs longynge to þe same londe, paynge þerof yerly to þe lorde of þe fee v. *shillings* at too termys of þe yere, þat is to sey, at the annunciacion of owre lady, ij. *shillings* vj. d, & at Myhel masse, ij. *shillings* vj. d, for all seruice, custome, & demaunde seculer; & to the forseyde william, j. halfe quarter of whete yerly in þe day of seynt lucie, vndur þis forme, þat is to sey, þe seyde Roger & hys wyfe & hys heyrys sholde haue power to selle, bequethe, & gyfe þe seyde londe to whom-so-euyr þey wolden, within þat terme, boþe in sekenes & also in helthe: & if hit happun (þat god forbede) þat þe seyd Roger or anneys [h]is wyfe or hys heyrys or hys

* leaf XXIII or 34, back. of land and meadow, for 12 years,

at 5*s.* and ½ quarter of wheat yearly,

with power to sublet,

[1] In Latin: 'tradidit et dimisit.'

assynys take ony harme for cause of defaute of þe seyde william, a-fore Iustic*es* errauntes or in ony oþ*er* court*es*, þe seyde londe sholde a-byde in þe hondys of þe seyde Rog*er* & anneys hys wyfe & of hys heyrys or of hys assynys, aft*er* þe foreseyde t*er*me, tille þe seyde hurt*es* were restoryd, by þe vywe of goode & lawefull men; & yf hyt happun (þ*at* god forbede) ony man to entre in-to þe same londe, by hem-selfe or for hem-selfe, w*ith*-in þe foreseyde t*er*me, þe seyde william bonde hym-self & all hys goodys, meuable & vn-meuable, whe*r*-so-euyr þei we*r* I-founde, to the distreynynge of þe Abbot of cicet*ur*, till hit were satisfied fully of þe harmys & expens*es* to hem a-fore-seyde: & þe seyde william & Iulian hys wyfe & hys heyrys or hys assynys sholde warantize, defende, & acquite, to þe seyd Rog*er* & anneys hys wyfe, & to hys heyrys, or to his assynys, þe seyde couenaunt, takynge, & letynge, ageyniste all men & women, thorowe all the fore-seyde t*er*me of xij. ye*r* next folowynge & fully complete. For þis couenaunt, takynge, & letynge, þe foreseyde Rog*er* gaf xv. *shillings* of sterlyngys & vj. d to hys grete nede by-fore hand*es*. And þ*at* this conuencion, takynge & letynge, thorowe þe foreseyde t*er*me sholde a-byde ferme & stable, þe seyde william & Rog*er* put to thys wrytynges I-made in-to the man*er* of chart*ur*, wyth he*r* feyþe I-pleyht, here seele: & is w*ith*-out date.

Purchase-money, 15*s.* 6*d.*

[Cricklade.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* Cricklade and Eaton are put together as worth £20 yearly. At the dissolution, 1540, Cricklade, Chalworth, Ufcott, and Meysey Hampton are grouped together (*Monast.* iv. 374) as worth £1 13*s.*, and for the messuage in Cricklade a fee is paid to the queen's bailiff of Cricklade hundred.]

[814.] * A Chartur of couenawnt bytwene Dame Margarete of redvarijs & Maistur acharde of Medeburne for þe towne of Crekelade.

* leaf XXIIII or 35, back. 1246, Sept. 29. Lease to Achard of Medeburne, by Margaret

The sentence of þis euidence is, þ*at* þe*r* was a couenant I-made by-twene dame [1] Margarete of rodeuarijs, of þe on p*ar*te, & mayst*er* acharde of Medeburne, þe heyre of Nigell of Medeburne, of þe oþ*er* p*ar*te, þe xxx. yere of þe reyne of kynge henry

[1] Margaret (de Fitzgerald), widow of William de Redvers, 6th earl of Devon.

de Redvers, of (*a*) the town of Cricklade, (*b*) the hundred-court of Cricklade, and (*c*) the manor of Stratton, [= Worth, i. e. Highworth.] which his father, Nigel of Medeburne, had held on lease.

þe sone of kynge Iohn, at mihel-mas, þat is to sey, þat þe seyde Margarete, in heꝛ lauful powere & fre wedewhode, grauntyd & lete [1], to þe seyde acharde here townꝫ of Cryklade, *with* alle his p*er*tinenc*es*, Also w*ith* þe hundrede longyng to þe same towne, & alle his [2] londe of stratunne, w*ith* alle his p*er*tinenc*es*, w*ith*owte oony reteynyng [3] (savyng þe rente at two [4] t*er*mys of the yere þat longeth to þe hundrede of Wrhe, so þat here [5] men of stratunne scholde not be taxid [6] ȝerly ou*er* two [4] marke for þe relesyng of þe townꝫ & hundrede of Wrhe and of alle þynge*s* p*er*teynyng [7] to þe sayde townꝫ and hundrede), the whiche þe sayde Acharde had, as heyere of the sayde Nigelle of Medeburne, vn-to þe t*er*me of vj. yere & more, As hit may be schewyd [8] by the charter maade [9] by-twene þe sayde margarete & þe sayde Nigelle : to be had & to be holde, of þe sayde margarete & here heyeris, to hym & to his heyeris or to his assynys, fro þe sayde feste of seynt Myhel vn-to þe ende of x. yere folowyng complete [10]. Hit was acordid also by-twene [hem], þat þe sayde Acharde scholde have þe mercem*entes* of men of stratunne [* & lefte to [11] . . . .] boþe of þe fee of Dame Margarete & Also of þe fee of þe seide acharde yf hit happun hem to be amercid in þe hundrid of wrhe for þe reles of þe feire of Strattuñ, þe whiche þe seide acharde relesid to þe seide *Margaret* vn-to heꝛ t*er*me. Hit was a-cordid also by-twene hem þat þe bailif of the hundred of wrhe, I-swore to þe kynge, sholde acquite þe hundred of Crickelade in þe maundement*es* of þe kynge a-geiniste þe shereue, so þat þe bailif of Crickelade sholde answere to þe bailif of wrhe in þe maundement*es* of þe kynge & of þe shereue : & if þe seide acharde or his heiris or his assinis lese ony thynge of þe fore-seyde townis or hundrid, or bi dissesininge or bi defaute of þe seide margete [12] or of hiꝛ heiris, þe same achard or his heiris or his assinis sholde holde þe seide townis w*ith* heꝛ p*er*tinenc*es*, Also þe hundred of Creckelade, of þe seide Marget & of heꝛ heiris til þei had receuid resonabli to þe worthe of heꝛ harmis : & þe seid

* leaf XXV or 36.

Lady Margaret shall have the moneys arising from the fair at Stratton, except that Achard shall have such fines as are imposed on his own men.

Cricklade hundred to do its

[1] 'lefte,' in duplicate.
[2] i. e. her.
[3] '*with*holdinge.'
[4] 'too.'
[5] 'his.'
[6] 'be sette.'
[7] 'þingis longinge.'
[8] 'be knowe.'
[9] 'I-made thereof.'
[10] 'fulli.'
[11] The translator lost his place, and retranslated 16 lines, with many verbal differences.
[12] *sic.*

Marget & hir heiris sholde warantiȝe to þe seide achard' & to his heiris or to his assinis the seide couenaunte vn-to þe seide *ter*me: & if þe fredom of þe towne of Crickelade or of þe hundred' be hurt in ony thinge bi defaute of the seide achard', þe same achard' sholde answere to þe seide Marget of þe seide defaute: & þat þis couenaunt sholde be kepid' feiþefulli & *with*out gile, boþe of hem sette to her' seelis to þe charter*s* of þis couenaunte, eue*r*iche ageiniste oþer': & is *with*oute date.

service to the sheriff through the bailiff of Highworth hundred. Achard to be responsible for the safe-keeping of all privileges.

[815.] * Chartur of pers notte for halfe of hys burgage in Crekelade.

* leaf XXIII or 34, back. About 1270 ?

Grant to Godstow, by Pers le notte, of half a burgage,

The sentence of thys chartur is, þat pers le notte of hy*n*inton [1] gafe, *grauntid'*, & confermid' *with* þis *pre*sent wrytynge, to god & to þe churche of owre lady seynt Marye & seynt Iohn Baptiste of Godestowe & to þe mynchons þer' seruynge god & to serue for euyr, for þe helþe of hys sowle, halfe of hys burgage þat he had in þe grete strete of Crekelade, *with* þe gardyn & *with* all his p*er*tinence*s* þer', þe whyche halfe of burgage is sette nyhe soppeham þe whyche adam helde vppon þe northe p*ar*te & halfe of þe burgage þat þe same Iohn helde vppon þe sowthe p*ar*te, to be had & to be holde, of hym & of hys heyrys, to þe seyde mynchons & to her' successours, frely & quietly, pesibli & holly for eue*r*, paynge þe*r*of yerly to þe seyde Iohn & to hys heyrys * or to hys assynys vj. d' at to *ter*mys of þe yere, þat is to say, at hockeday [2] iij. d', & at Mihel-masse iij. d', for all seruice, custome, & demaunde seculer', longy*n*ge to hym & to hys heyrys. He willid' also & assynyd' þat whatsoeue*r* þinge myht be leueyid' of þe seyde burgage sholde be for þe susteynynge of a lyhte in wex a-fore þe cros in þe quere of þe monasteri of Godestowe. Also pers notte of hynynton & his heyrys or assynys warantiȝed' acquited' & defended' to the foreseyde Mynchons & to her' successours or to her' assynys þe forcseyd burgage, *with* hys p*er*tinence*s*, a-geynyste all men & women for euyr, vppon all the goodys þat myht falle to hym & to hys heyrys by ony ryht in þe towne of Crekelade: & þat thys gyfte graunt warantiȝinge & confirmacion myht be stronge for euyr, he put to hys seele: & is *with*-oute date.

* leaf XXIIII or 35.

to endow a wax-candle in the choir of Godstow.

[1] Hannington, Wiltshire.

[2] Hockday is 2nd Tuesday after Easter.

127⅞, Jan. 3.

[816.] A quite-clayme of william of driffelde[1] of a mese in Crikelade.

Sale to Godstow, by William of Driffield, of his interest in a messuage (no. 815).

THE sentence of þis euydence is, þat william of driffelde[1] lefte & quite-claymyd vtturly, of hym-selfe & of hys heyrys for euyr, to þe abbas of Godestowe & to the couent of þat place, all hys ryht & clayme þat he had, or myht haue in ony man*er* wyse, in a mese in þe towne of Crickelade, þe whyche he helde sum-tyme of þe fore-seyde Abbas in þe same towne, vnd*ur* þis forme: þat is to sey, þat noþ*er* he, ne none of hys heyrys, ne no man in hys name, sholde aske afturwarde ony ryht or clayme of þe foreseyde mese, noþ*er* to make no chalenge of ony dett*es* in þe whyche þe foreseyde Abbas or her baylifs were be-holde to pay to hym vn-to þat time þat þis p*re*sent writinge was made. For the whyche quiete-clayme & relesynge of dette, þe foreseyde Abbas gafe to hym xl. *shillings* of silu*er* in warisone a-for-handys. In-to witnes þ*er*-of he put to hys seele, þe date at Eton[2], þe moneday next a-fore þe twelfyth day, þe yer*e* of our*e* lorde M^lo^ CC. lxxvij^o^.

Purchase-money, £2.

* leaf 149. 1328, April 26.

[817.] *A Charter of Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, I-made to Iohn maryner and to Anneys his wyf, for one Burgage in the towne of Crikelade.

Lease by Godstow, for two lives, of a 'burgage,'

THE sentence of this charter is, that Margery Dyne, abbesse of Godestowe, and the Couente of the same place, w*ith* one assent and consent, graunted, and lete, to Iohn Maryner and to Anneys his wyf, j. Burgage in the towne of Criklade, the which Geffrey North somtyme held, and hit is I-sette bitwene [Chalworth.] the strete that strecchith hit-self toward Chelesworth of the North p*ar*te and the Burgage of Iohn Bockar*e* of the sowth p*ar*te: To be had and to be hold, w*ith* all his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid Iohn and Anneys, to all the t*er*me of ther lyf, by s*er*uyce therof dew and I-wonyd of right, yeldyng therof yerely to them and to ther successours v. *shillings* of yerely rente at iiij. t*er*mes vsuell of the yere, by evyn porcions, durynge the abouesaid t*er*me. So natheles that the forsaid Iohn and Anneys his wyf shold susteyn the forsaid burgage thurgh all the t*er*me

quit-rent, 5*s*.,

with obligation to repair,

[1] Driffield, Gloucestershire.

[2] Watereaton, near Cricklade.

in al so good' a state, or bett*er*, as they resceived' hit. And M argery Dyne, abbesse of Godestow, and Couente of the same place, and there successours, shold' warantize the forsaid' Bur- gage, w*ith* his p*er*tynentis, to the forsaid' Iohn and Anneys his wyf, to the t*er*me of ther lyf, as hit is abouesaid'. And yf the said' Iohn fayled' or lakked' in the forsaid' vsuell' t*er*mes, in p*ar*te or in all', of the paiyng' of the said' rente duryng' the t*er*me abouesaid', they bound' them-self, and also ther catall' (mevable and vnmevable) I-founde in the said' burgage, to the distreynyng' of the said' abbesse and couente that shold' be, tille hit were fully I-satisfyed' to the same abbesse and Couente of the forsaid' rente of v. *shillings* yerely also w*ith* the expenses and harmes, yf there were ony, or put to ony, by the occasion' of the said' rente not I-paid'. Into witnesse of the which, & *cetera*. The date at Godestowe, in their Chapiter, the Tewesday next afore the fest of the appostles Philippe and Iacob, the second' yere of the reigne of kyng' Edward' the thirde after the conquest.

and reservation of powers of distraint.

[Philip and James = May 1.]

[818.] * **Chart*ur* endentyd' by-twe[ne] dame Mariery dyne Abbas & Iohn Marin*er* of Crikelade.**

*1 leaf XXIIII or 35. 1332, Oct. 21. Lease by Godstow to John and Alice Mariner for life-term, of a 'burgage' in Cricklade (no. 817), and, in Broad Blunsdon, a messuage, with pasture for one ox, and three acres arable.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat Marierie dyne, Abbas of Godestowe, & þe couent of þe same place, w*ith* on assent & *con*sent of here chapit*er*, toke, *gr*auntid', & lete, to Iohn Marin*er* of Creklade & to Alij[1] hys wyfe, to þe t*er*me of her' lyfe & ou*er* on yer' aftur þe decesse of her' life, j. burgage I-sette in Creklade, by-twene þe borow of Iohn Buckar' of þe on p*ar*tye & þe lane þ*at* is callid þe Ruthernslane of þe o*þer* p*ar*te; j. mese in brodebluntisdou*n*, I-sette by-twene þe mese of sir*e* adam walrande, knyht, & þe mese of Iohn colcote; pastur' of j. oxe in þe comune of þe same town; & iij. acris of arable londe lyinge in þe telþe of the same towne, of the whyche j. halfe acre lieth at harewell', & ij. rodys lien in þe longefurlonge, & ij. halfe rodys lien in þe brokeforlonge, & ij. halfe rodys strecchen to þe brobattes, & j. halfe acre lieth in Cranlekesforlonge by-twene þe londe of Iamys Geryssh & Nich*o*las Ingelonde, & j. halfe acre in westcrofterugge by-twene þe londe of Nich*o*las brayn & þe londe

[1] Agnes, his first wife (no. 817), being dead, Mariner surrendered that lease, to obtain a like privilege for his second wife, Alice.

of Iohn more, & j. half-acre lieth in the castle nyhe þe hyde: þe fore-seyde burgage, *with* þe *per*tinences, liberteis, & þe customys of þe foreseyde borow, to be had & to be holde; Also þe fore-seyde mese in brodebluntesdon, & iij. *acres* a-fore-namyd, *with* her *per*tinences; & Also þe seyde pasture of j. oxe, as hyt is put by-fore, to þe fore-seyde Iohn & to alis hys wyfe, as longe as they liuid, of þe foreseyde Marierie & of her couent & her successours, fre*ly, quietly, well & pesibly, paynge þerof yerely þorowe þe *terme* of here life, viij. *shillings* vj. d of rente, þat is to sey, for þe burgage a-fore-seyde v. *shillings*, & for þe mese & þe *per*tinences a-fore-named iij. *shillings* vj. d of goode money; for all seruices seculer of þe fore-seyde borowe, at fowre vsual *ter*mys of þe yere, by euyn porcions; but þei shall repe yerly in heruyst[1] by thre days, & they shall haue necessari of metis; & þey shall make hey & mow thorowe on day, & haue mete & drinke; & þey shall make sute of courte fro thre wokys vn-to thre wokys; so þat þe seyde mariery dyne & hyr couent sholde pay a yerly rente to the chyfe lordys of þe fee of the seyd burgage, þat is to sey, xvj. d by þe yere. Also þe seyde Marierye dine, Abbas of Godestowe, & her couent, warantized [&] acquited þe fore-seyde burgage, Mese a-fore *pre*fixid, pasture of j. oxe, *with* thre acris of londe a-fore-namyd, & *with* all þe *per*tinences in all places, to þe fore-seyde Iohn and alis also longe as they liuen, in þe forme a-fore namyd; & yf þe fore-seyd Iohn or alis hys wyfe fayle, in þe foreseyde vsuall *ter*mys, in *parte* or in all of þe payment of þe rent a-fore-seyde, durynge þe *terme* a-boue-sayde, þey bounde hem-selfe & all here goodys meuable & vnmeuable to þe distreyny[n]ge of þe seyd Abbas & couent, þat sholde be for þe tyme, tyl hyt were satisfied fully to þe same abbas & couent of þe fore seyde rent of viij. *shillings* vj. d, Also *with* harmis & expenses, if þei did, or sette ony, for þe cause of þe rent not payd. In-to witnes of þe same þynge, to þys wrytinge endentid þey sette to her comune sele, *with* þe selis of the seyde Iohn & alis hys wyfe, eueriche a-geynyst o*per*: þe date at Godestowe, in her chapitre, þe wodenesday next a-fore þe feste of seynt luke ewangeliste, þe vj. yere of Edwarde þe þyrd after þe conqueste.

* leaf XXIIII or 35, back.

The land owes rent;

three days reaping, with only food allowed; one day haying, with both food and drink allowed; and suit to court.

Powers of distraint.

[1] 'The Cestum yn heruyste off Blondon,' note in margin.

[819.] * Chartur of Aliȝ wynnynge of Brodebluntesdon of londys & tenementes in Crickelade.

* leaf XXV or 36, back. 139⅌, March 23. Quit-claim to Godstow, by Alice Winning, of all title in property.

The sentence of this chartur is, þat aliȝ wynnynge of Brodebluntesdon surrendred̄ to þe Abbas & couent of Godestowe all̄ þe state, þat she had̄ of the same Abbas & couent, of all̄ londis & tenementes þat she had̄ in þe towne & feldes of Crickelade; remittid̄ & relesid̄ Also, to þe same abbas & couent, all̄ accions bothe reall̄ & personall̄ þat she myht haue a-geyniste hem fro þe bi-ginnynge of þe worlde vn-to þe dai of þe makynge of þis present writinge: in-to wittnes of þe whiche she put to her̄ seel, þe date vppon shere thursdai [1], fallinge þe thursdai a-fore þe fest of þe annunciacion of owr̄ lady, þe xiiij. yere of þe reine of kinge Richard̄ þe secund̄ aftur þe conqueste.

[Eastrop, near Highworth.]

[Note.—At the dissolution, 1540, this property is put down (*Monast.* iv. 374) as yielding Godstow £1 10*s.* yearly, and subject to a quit-rent of 2*s.* to the rector of Eddyngton. Eddington is a long way to the south-west: so possibly Hannington is meant.]

[820.] * Chartur of warine of ailisbury I-made to Roger of writele & to anneis his wife of ij. yerdes londes [2] & vj. acris, with a mese, in worthe and Esthrop, paiinge þerof yerli for alle seruices vj. d̄ at Mihel-mas.

* leaf XXXI or 42. About 1270.

Sale to Roger of Writele, by Warine of Ailisburi, of a messuage, a yardland, 6 acres of 'echyng,' and pasture rights.

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat warine of ailisburi gaf, grauntid̄, & confirmid̄, to Roger of writele of brodebluntesdon & to anneis his wyfe & to his heires or assynis, j. yerde londe in þe towne of Esthorp, with a mese, with all̄ oþer þinges ouer all̄ perteininge þer-to, þe wiche walter of alfrinton helde sum-time in þe same towne, with all̄ his pertinences in euiri place, & liberteis, in medis, closis, pasturs, weijs, patthis & in all̄ oþer places euiri-where; & of þe encrese [3] vj. acris of londe of his demayne in þe seide felde of Esthorp; with þe pastur̄ of on oxe in þe commune pasture of oxen of Esthrop: of þe whiche yerde londe (& also of þe vj. acris):—

Description of the yard-

j. acre liethe in ouereguldenelonde, nihe þe londe þat was

[1] Shere Thursday is Th. in Holy Week.
[2] In error for '1 yerde of londe.'
[3] Above *encrese*, *echyng* is written as a gloss. The Latin is: 'et de incremento sex acras terre de dominico meo in dictis campis de Estthorp.'

land:— 10 whole acres and 20 half-acres and 2 roods = 20½ acres. * leaf XXXI or 42, back.

of Richard' tarlari; & j. halfe acre in neþerguldenlonde, nihe þe londe þat was of Richard' tarlari; & j. acre also liethe aboue rowndeuer, nihe þe londe of hugh maundeuile; & j. acre & halfe also lieth ageiniste þe brodewei, nihe þe londe of Iohn ailwine; & j. acre also lieth in brakelonde, nihe þe londe þat * was of Iohn ailwine; & j. halfe acre lieth in þe same furlonge, nihe þe londe of þe seide Iohn ailwine; & j. acre lieth at losenestede, nihe þe londe of Gefrei Maundeuile; & j. acre lieth in sclade forlonge, nihe þe londe þat was sum-time of pers ailisburi; & j. halfe acre in þe same forlonge, nihe þe londe sum-time of Richard' tarlari; & j. halfe acre at Denecheþescnolle, nihe þe londe þat was of Richard' tarlari; & j. acre vppon bradeborowe, nihe þe londe þat was sum-time of Thomas Staunton; & j. halfe hed'-acre in Shoccombe, nihe þe londe þat was of Iohn ailwine; & j. halfe hed'-acre lyeth euyn [1] þere, nihe þe londe þat was of hugh Maundeuile; & j. acre in longe breche, nihe the londe sum time of Iohn ailwine; & j. halfe acre in Malmiebreche, nihe þe londe þat was of william Dolle; & j. halfe acre in þe same forlonge, nihe þe londe þat was of Richard' tarlari; & j. halfe acre lieth at Ellecombe, nihe þe londe þat was of henri Staunford'; & j. halfe acre a-boue Ellecombe, nihe þe londe þat was of Richard tarlari; & j. halfe acre lieth in wowelonde, nihe þe londe sum-time of Richard' tarlari; & j. halfe acre in neþerwowelonde, nihe þe londe of hugh maundevile; & j. halfe acre in blakelond', nihe þe londe þat was of Robert kefe; & j. halfe acre in þe same forlonge, nihe þe londe sum-time of Iohn penot; & j. halfe acre a-geiniste borihai, nihe þe londe of Thomas lecchelade; & j. halfe acre in þe same forlonge, nihe þe londe sum-tyme of Robert Doninge; & j. acre at renardesweⁿ, nihe þe londe sum-time of hugh Maundeuile; & j. acre in churegeweiforlonge nihe þe londe sum-time of Roger kenecote, & j. halfe acre in brumelforlonge vppon grafton, nihe þe londe sum-time of Richard' tarlari; & j. halfe acre in þe same forlonge nihe þe londe sum-time of hugh maundeuile; & j. perche lieth nihe balacre; & j. perche lieth in þe crofte þat was of Thomas Staunton þe more nihher þe parte þat was toward' þe mese of henri Staunford'; & j. halfeacre lieth in middilforlonge vppon grafton, nihe þe londe sum-time of Richard' tarlari;

[1] The Latin is: 'una dimidia acra capitalis iacet ibidem iuxta terram.'

& also[1] of vj. acris of londe of þe heche, j. acre lieth bi-hinde þe mese þat was of Nicholas balawe; & j. halfe acre ageiniste watton, nihe þe londe sum time of Iohn templeman; & j. acre vppon reddone in middilforlonge, nihe þe londe sum-time of Robert of mille; & j. halfe acre nihe þe benche, nihe þe londe sumtime of hugh maundeuile; & j. halfe acre lieth in redlonde, nihe þe londe sum time of hugh maundeuile; & j. halfe acre ageiniste stimsȝesmore, nihe þe londe sum-time of Richard̃ penne; & iij. buttes[2] of londe liinge to-gedur & strecchinge towarde the hei more, nihe þe londe sum-time of hubert gardine; & iiij. buttes of londe liinge to-gedur & strecchyn hem-selfe towarde longemore, nihe þe londe sum-time of Richard̃ tarlari; & j. halfe acre lieth in þe breche, nihe þe londe sum-time of Robert abendon:

Description of the six acres 'of the heche' = 2 acres, 5 half-acres, and 7 'butts' (irregular pieces).

to be had̃ & to be holde, of him & of his heires, to þe foreseide Roger & anneis & to her̃ heiris or assinis or to ony oþer þat þei wille gif hit, sille, or biquethe, al so well̃ in sekenes as in helthe, in fee & heritage, freli, quietli, well̃ & pesibli, in riht heritage for euir, with-oute ony impediment or vexacion or ony oþer reclaiminge of him or of his heires or of his assinis euer aftur̃, paiinge þere-of yerli to him & to his heiris or to his assinis vj. d̃ of siluir̃ at mihelmas, for all̃ seruices & sutes of his court, quarell̃, customs, aidis, wardis, eschetes, & seculere demaundis longinge to him & to his heires, sauinge to him & to his heiris resonable relef: & þe seide warine his heiris or his assinis warantiȝid̃ acquited & defended̃, to þe fore-seide Roger & to anneis his wife & to here heiris and assinis, all̃ þe fore-seide londis, with all̃ here pertinences, in medis feldis pastures weiis pathis & in all̃ oþer places ouer all̃, ageiniste all̃ mortall̃ men; & also þat þei kepe hem with-oute harme, vndur þe foreseide waren & his heiris coste; & also furþermore of þe riall̃[3] for euir̃.

Quit-rent, 6*d.* Relief reserved.

* leaf XXXII or 43.

Free of scutage.

For þis gifte graunte & confirmacion & warantiȝinge, þe seide Roger & anneis his wife gafe to him xl. marke of siluir in warisoun a-fore-hondis: & þat his gifte graunte confirmacion & warantiȝinge sholde be sure & stable for euir, he strengthid̃ with his seele & is with-oute date.

Purchase-money, £26 13*s.* 4*d.*

[1] The Latin is: 'de sex acris terre de incremento.'

[2] Latin: 'tres sullones.'

[3] So also in Latin: 'regali' (*scil.* servitio).

About 1270.

[821.] **Chartur of waryne of ailisbury I-made to Roger of writele of j. yerde of londe & vj. acris of his lordeship as hit is conteinid in þe chartur before.**

Cancelled draft of no. 820. Proposed purchase-money, £25 6*s.* 8*d.*

THE sentence of this chartur & confirmacion is þe same þat is wrete next afore, *with* þe pasture of on oxe; & for this confirmacion he had xxx. viij. marke of siluir a-fore-handis. 4

About 1270.

[822.] **a-noþer chartur of warine of ailisburi of þe same, for þe which Roger of writele payd [x]xxvij. marke & x.** *shillings.*

Cancelled draft of no. 820. Proposed purchase-money, £25 3*s.* 4*d.*

THE sentence of þis chartur is þe same afore sentencialli almost euiri worde.

About 1270.

[823.] **a-noþer confirmacion of þe same warine for þe same londe, acris, mese, & her pertinencis.**

Cancelled draft of no. 820. Proposed quit-rent, 4*d.* Proposed purchase-money, £23 6*s.* 8*d.*

THE sentence of þis confirmacion is conteinid in þe chartur a-fore, *with* a condicion to pai iiij. d of siluir at mihelmas, for 8 all seruices, seutes of courte, plaintes, customs, aidis, wardis, herriettes, eschetes, & for all seruices vtwarde, sauinge to hym & to his heiris resonable relefe: & for þis gifte, graunt, & confirminge, þe fore-seide Roger gaf [xx]xv. marke of siluir bi-fore 12 hondes.

About 1270.

[824.] **Chartur of Adam of ailisburi I-made to Roger of writele confirminge þe gifte of warine his fadur.**

Confirmation of no. 820, to Roger of Writele, by Adam of Ailisburi. Quit-rent, 10*d.*

THE sentence is þe same a-fore, *with* a condicion to pay yerli x. d for all maner of customs & seruices: & furþermore in þis confirmacion Roger of writele hadd powere, more-ouir, 16 bothe in sekenes & in helþe, to gif þe seide londe a-fore rehersid to religius howsis or where him lustid.

[825.] * A graunt of Thomas of Maundeuile of fre entringe in þat tenement.

* leaf XXXII or 43, back. 1284, Aug. 25. Licence in mortmain, by Thomas de Mandeville, as chief lord of the fee, allowing Godstow to receive from Roger of Writele no. 820. Purchase-money, £1.

THE sentence of þis graunt is, þat *Thomas* Maundeuile grauntid̃, for him & his heiris for euir, to þe worshopfull woman of religion dame Mabili, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place, fre entringe in-to all̃ þat tenement, *with* þe *per*tinence*s*, þat [s]he had of þe gifte & feffement of Roger of writele in heiwoith & in Esthrop of his fee, *with*-oute ony ageine-seinge or lettinge of him or of his heiris, sauinge þe seruice*s* of þe fore-seide tenement dewe & wonid̃ to him & to his heiris. For þis graunte þe foreseide abbas gafe xx. *shillings* of sterlinge*s*. In-to witnes *per*-of he put to his seele: þe date at heiworthe, þe freday next aftur̃ seint bartholmewys day, þe xij. yere of kynge Edward̃ þe sone of kynge henri.

[826.] Chartur of hugh Maundeuile I-made to Roger of writele of j. yerde of londe in fre socage, *with* a mese & a crofte in þe towne of Esthrop, painge þerof yerli ij. *shillings* at iiij. *ter*mis of þe yere.

* leaf XXXIII or 44. About 1270.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat hugh of Maundeuile fitz Philip of Maundeuile gafe, grauntid̃, & confirmid̃, to Roger of writele of bluntesdon & to his heiris or assinis, for homage & seruice, in-to fre socage, all̃ þat yerde-londe þat Raph castell̃ sumtime helde of him in þe towne of hyworthe (þat is to sei, in Esthrop), *with* j. mese and crofte & *with* oþer *per*tinence*s* & liberteis, in medis, feldis, pasture*s*, weijs, pathis, & in all̃ oþer place*s* euiry-whare, *with*-oute ony *with*holdinge to him & to his heiris, to be had̃ & to be holde, of him & of his heiris, to þe foreseide Roger of writele, & to his heiris or assinis, for to assine, gife, sille or bequeþe to whom so-euir he will̃ & whenne-so-euir he wille, boþe in sekenes & also in helþe, in fee & heritage, freli & quietli, well̃ & pesibli, for riht heritage for euir, *with*-out ony lettinge reclaiminge or vexinge of him or of his heiris here-aftur̃, painge yerli þerof to him & to his heiris ij. *shillings* of siluir at iiij. *ter*mis of þe yer̃, þat is to sei, at þe natiuite of our̃ lorde, vj. d̃; at estur, vj. d̃; at Midsomer̃, vj. d̃; & at Mihelmas, vj. d̃, for all̃ seruice*s*, & sutis of his courte, playnte*s*, customis, aidis, wardis, eschetis, & seculer̃ demaundis longinge

Grant to Roger of Writele, by Hugh of Mandeville, of Ralph Castell's yardland,

subject to 2*s*. quit-rent.

to him & to his heiris, sauinge to him & to his heiris resonable relef: & þe same hugh warantiȝid & acquitid for euir þe fore-seide yerdlonde, *with* all oþer þinges a-fore rehersid, ageinist all men & women þat miht in ony case aske ony þinge þerof. And for þis gifte graunt & confirmacion & warantiȝinge, þe seide Roger relesid to him iiij. yerde londis & ij. parties of j. yerde-londe þat he hilde of him to ferme to þe terme of viij. yere, *with* all his mese in þe same towne of heyworthe, & also he gafe to him iiij. marke of siluir a-fore-handis: and for-asmuche þat he wolde þat his gift, graunt, confirmacion & warantiȝinge, sholde be ferme & stable for euir, he strengthid hit *with* þe printinge of his seele: & is *with*-oute date.

Purchase-money = giving up a lease, and £2 13*s*. 4*d*.

About 1270.

[827.] Graunt & confirmacion of heli of Maundeuile I-made to Roger of writele of j. yerde londe.

Confirmation to Roger of Writele, by Elias de Mandeville of no. 826.

The sentence of þis euidence is þe same þat is next a-boue, *with* an addinge to, þat he miht gife hit to religious howsis, bothe in sekenes & in helthe.

About 1284.

[828.] Chartur & confirmacion of heli of Maundeuile to dame Mabili abbas of Godestowe & to þe couent of þe same place for to take entre in-to þe same yerde-londe, *with* þe pertinences, & þe rente of ij. *shillings*.

Licence in mortmain by Elias de Mandeville, allowing Roger of Writele to give and Godstow to receive no. 826, free (as in no. 829) of the 2*s*. quit-rent over it.

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat heli of Maundeuile grauntid to the worshipfull wemen, dame Mabili, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place, fre entre in all þat yerde-londe, *with* þe pertinences, þat þei hadde of þe gifte of Roger of writele in þe towne of hiworthe & esthrop, þe whiche þe same Roger helde of him. Furþermore he gafe relesid & quite-claimid vtturli, of him & of his heiris for euir, to þe fore-seide dame mabili abbas of Godestow & her couent all his rent of ij. *shillings* þe whiche Roger of writele was I-wonid to pay him for þe fore-seide yerde-londe, to be had & to be holde of him & of his heiris or his assinis, to þe fore-seide mabili abbas & to here couente & to here successours, freli quietli well & pesibli for riht heritage for euir, * painge þerof yerli to him & to his heiris or to his assinis j. halfe ȝj. of comin at estur, for

* leaf XXXIII or 44, back.

all seruices & seculer demaunde: & þe same helie, his heiris, and assinis, warantiȝed acquitid & defendid þe foreseide yerde-londe for euir ageniste all men & women. Forþermore, for þis gifte & warantiȝinge þei gaf to him xx. *shillings* of siluer a-fore-handis for warisone. In-to witnes of þis þinge he sette to his seele: & is *with*-oute date.

[829.] A Chartur of helie of Maundeuile of ij. *shillings* of yerli rente. About 1284.

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat helie of Maundeuile fitz hugh of Maundeuile gafe & grauntid, for him & his heiris or his assinis, to god & to the churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe minchons þer seruinge god & to serue for euir, ij. *shillings* of yerli rente þe whiche he was wonid to receiue yerli of Roger of writele for a yerde-londe þe whiche he had of þe gifte of hugh his fadur in þe towne of hiworthe & Esthrop, to be had & to be holde, of him & of his heiris or assinis, to god & to þe churche of Godestowe & to þe minchons in þe same seruinge god & to serue for euir, freli, quietli, well & pesibli, *with*-oute ony reclaime or ageincholdinge to him & to his heiris or assinis, painge þerof yerli to him & to his heiris or his assinis half a lb. of comin for all exaccion & seculer demaunde at estur. For þis gifte *graunt* & quite-claime, þei gaf to him xx. *shillings* of sterlinges good & laufull monei a-fore-handis. Forþermore, he, his heiris, or his assinis, acquited and defendid, to þe fore-seide churche of Godestowe & to þe mynchons þer seruinge god & to serue for euir, þe fore-seide rente of ij. *shillings* ageiniste all men and women *with* her owne costis. In tokin þer-of he put to þis present writinge his seele: & is *with*-oute date.

Sale to Godstow by Elias de Mandeville, of the 2*s.* quit-rent, as in no. 826 and no. 828.

Quit-rent now is to be ½ lb. of cumin.

Purchase-money, £1.

[830. * Charter of Richer Tarilari of a messuage and croft, made to Roger of Writele, paying 1*d.* at Easter. * Exchequer MS. leaf 36. About 1270.

Richer Tarlari, of Estrop in Heyeworth, gave, to Roger of Writele of Bluntesdone and his heirs and assigns, a messuage in Heyeworthe with a croft and pertinents, namely that messuage which lay between the messuage which was of Warin

Draft of a grant to Roger of Writele, by Richard Tarlari, of a

messuage and croft, of Eylesburi and that of Thomas of Stanton, paying yearly 1*d.* of silver at Easter for all services, suits of his court, quarrels, customs, helps, wards, escheats, and secular demands inexchange belonging to him and his heires, and free of foreign service, but reserving reasonable relief: and for this]

* leaf XXXV or 45. for a messuage and on payment of £2 13*s.* 4*d.* (see no. 831).

* confirmacion[1], þe seide Roger gafe to him j. mese in þe seide towne of Esthorpe in-to eschaunge, & foure marke of siluir bi-fore-handis, þat is to sey, þat mese þat was sumtime of walter of alfrinton: &, for þat he wolde þat his gifte graunt confirmacion & warantiȝinge sholde be sure & stable for euir, he strengthid hit with þe printinge of his seele: & is with-oute date[2].

About 1270.

[831.] Chartur of Richarde tarlari I-made to Roger of writele of j. mese with a crofte in þe towne of esthrop & of ij. acris of londe with on perche, painge þer-of yerli j. d at Mihelmas.

Grant to Roger of Writele, by Richard Tarlari, of messuage, croft, four half-acres, and one rood,

The sentence of this chartur is, þat Richard[3] of tarlari, of Esthrop in hiworthe, gaf, grauntid, & confirmid, to Roger of writele & to anneis his wife & to his heiris or assinis, for his seruice, all his mese þat he had in þe towne of Esthrop in hyworthe with þe crofte & all his pertinences & fredoms, þat is to sei, þat mese þat is bitwene þe mese þat was of warine of ailisburi & þe mese þat was of Thomas of Staunton, & ij. acris & a perche of his londe in þe feldis of Esthrop, with all his pertinences & fredoms, þat is to sei, j. halfe acre at Ellecumbe, þe whiche lieth nih þe londe þat was of warine of ailisburi; & j. half acre in stotfurlonge, nih þe londe þat was of þe seide warine of ailisburi; & j. halfe acre at litilcoldeforlonge, þe whiche lithe nih þe londe þat was of Richard dolle; & j. halfe acre in deneknedishull, nih þe londe þat was of the seide Richard dolle; & j. perche vppon doune in whale-hull[4], þat lieth nih þe londe þat was of Iamis of worthe: to be had & to be holde, of him & of his heiris, to þe seide Roger & anneis his wife: & so forthe, worde for worde, as hit is write a-fore in þe

[1] The English Register resumes after loss of a leaf.

[2] Witnesses: Walerand of Bluntesdon; Roger de la Buri; Peter of the mill; Peter of Eylesburi, &c.

[3] 'Richerus' in the Latin.

[4] 'Walehull' in the Latin.

chartur̃: & for þis confirmacion þe seide Roger & anneis gaf to him a-fore-handis j. mese in þe towne of Esthrop & vj. marke & j. halfe of siluir, & Richard̃ made hit sure with his seele: & is 4 without̃e date [1]. in exchange and on payment of £4 6s. 8d.

[832.] **Chart r of Richard̃ of tarlari I-made to Roger of writelə of ij. acris of londe with on perche painge þerof yerli j. d̃ at Mihelmas.** About 1270.

THE sentence of þis chartur is þe same that is a-fore; except j mesə, ofthe whiche here he makith no mənsion. Cancelled draft of no. 831.

[833.] *LOKE þe chartur of Roger of writele bacwarde a-monge 8 þe charturs of bluntesdon, in þe whiche the same Roger gaf to þe house of Godestowe all̃ his londis & tenementes in brode-bluntesdon, Esthrop, & Cheleworthe. * leaf XXXV or 45. Reference to no. 809.

[834.] ***Chartur of Roger of writele to seyson the abbas of Godestowe Dame Mabili in all̃ his londis & tenementes with her pertinences in hyworth & Esthrop.** * leaf XXXIII or 44, back. 1284, Aug. 22.

THE sentence of þis dede is þat Roger of writele ordeinid̃ his 12 welbelouid̃ in criste Roger brien his attornei to put the worshipful women of religion, the abbas of Godestowe, Dame Mabili, & þe couent of þe same place, in-to full̃ seyseninge of Letter of attorney, for no. 833.

[Leaf XXXIIII in the old paging is missing.]

[* the lands he had in Heyeworthe and Estthrop which 16 he gave to them. Given at Bluntesdon, Wednesday before St. Bartholomew, 12 Edward I.] *Exchequer MS. leaf 35, back. [Bartholomew = Aug. 24.]

[835.] ***Chartur̃ of a gift & graunt of Thomas tarlari of j. mese withe ij. acris of londe & j. rode I-made to þe minchons of Godestowe in hyworthe & in Esthrop.** * leaf XXXV or 45. 1284, Aug. 26.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat Thomas tarlari was welle I-content & plesid̃ of þe gifte & graunt þat Roger of writele 20 made to þe worshipful women of religion, Dame Mabili, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place, of j. mese, ij. acris Licence in mortmain by Thomas Tarlari, as chief lord of the fee,

[1] Witnesses: Roger de la buri de Bluntesdon; Peter of the mill; Warin of Eylesburi; Nicholas de gardino; Jeffrey de Maundeville, &c.

empowering Roger of Writele to give, and Godstow to receive no. 831. Fee for the licence, 10*s*.

& j. rode of londe, *with* þe *per*tinencis, in Worth & Esthrop; grauntid for him & his heiris, & confirmid for euir, þe same þing*es* a-fore rehersid, þe whyche þe fore-seide Rog*er* helde sum-time of him: & for þis graunt & confirmacion, þe foreseide abbas gaf to him x. *shillings* of st*er*ling*es*. In-to witnes of þis, he put to his seele, þe date at Worth, þe saturday next aftur seint bartholomewe feste, þe xij. yere of þe reine of kinge Edwarde þe sone of kinge henri.

* leaf XXXI or 42. 1284, Oct. 5.

[836.] Chartur of kynge Edwarde of a mese & londe in Esthrop.

Licence in mortmain by Edward I, allowing Roger of Writele to give to Godstow a plough-land in Eastrop, i.e. in High-worth and Blunsdon,

and allowing Godstow to receive it.

The sentence of þis chartur is þat edwarde, bi þe grace of god kinge of Inglonde lorde of Irelonde & Duke of gyen, þow þat he, bi his co*m*mune cownsell of his reme, prouidid þat hit sholde not be lefful to religious pepul or to oþ*er* to entre þe fee of ony man so þat hit sholde come to morte-maine, *with*-oute his leue & licens & of þe chefe lorde of þe whiche þat þinge was I-holde inmediatli, Netheles he, willing to do special grace & fauor to Rog*er* of writell, gaf to him licens, al so muche as was in him, þat he miht gife & assine to his welbelouid abbas in criste & to þe minchons of Godestowe a plowh-londe, *with* þe per*tinences*, in heiworth & bluntesdoune, to be holde & to be had to hem & to her successo*urs* for euir: & he grauntid also to þe same abbas & minchons licens þat þei miht receiue þe fore-seide londe of þe fore-seide Rog*er* so, bi þe tenoure of þese p*resent* writing*es*: & he wolde not þat þe same Rog*er* or a-fore-seide abbas and mynchons sholde be occasionid or lette þ*er*of, bi him or bi his heiris, bi the reson of þe statute a-fore-seide in ony wise or be a-greuid, yet sauinge þe seruices dewe & wonid þ*er*of to þe chef lordis of þe fee. In-to witnes of þis þinge he lete make his lett*urs* patent*es*, him-silfe beringe witnes at 'mounte[1] hie' þe fifte day of octob*er*, þe xij. yer of his reine. I-co*m*maundid to þe chaunceler de monte alto.

* leaf XXXII or 43. About 1280.

[837.] * Chartur of adam of Eilisbury fitz warine of a place, crofte, curtilage & j. hole halle.

Sale to Sarah of Mandeville,

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat adam fitz warine gaf grauntid & confirmid, for him & his heiris & his assinis for euir,

[1] In the margin, *hawte mount* is written.

to Sare of Maundeuile to her heiris & assinis for euir, his place, crofte, curtilage, & *with* þe hole howse þat he had' in the towne of Esthorp, þat is to sei, þat place þat wareine his fadur sum- time helde, *with* þe crofte, curtelage, & þe hole halle, & oþer *per*tinences (sauinge þe Est party of þe crofte þe whiche Ric*hard* castell helde a-fore of his gifte & of þe ȝyfte of william his broþer, & hit lieth nihe þe courte þat was of Rog*er* of writele) *with* all his *per*tinences in all places, liberteis, & esimentes, to be had' & to be holde of þe lorde of þat chefe fee & of his heiris in-to fre socage, to þe fore-seide sare, & to her heiris or assinis, or to ony oþer to whom-so-euir she will (in sekenes or in helþe) assine gif sille or biqueþe hit, in fre heritage, freli, quietli, well & pesibli, for riht heritage for euer, *with*-oute ony reteininge or lette of him or of his heiris here-aftur, painge þer-of yerli to Thomas of Mawndeuile, chefe lorde of þat fee, & to his heiris or assinis, j. paire of spurres gilte or vj. d. * of siluir at esture, & at mihelmas j. ȝj. of comyn, for all seruices, sute of court, plaintes, aidis, wardis, homages, reconisaunces, eschetes, heriettes, releſes, & oþer seculer demandis: & þe fore- seide adam, his heiris, & assinis, warantiȝed' acquited' & defendid' þe crofte a-fore-seide, *with* all oþer þinges a-fore rehersid', a-geiniste all men & women þat wolde make ony quarell a-geiniste her: & for þis gifte graunt & confirmacion & waran- tiȝinge, þe seide Sare gafe to him xx. marke of silu*er* a-fore hondis: &, for-as-much as he wolde þis gifte graunt confirminge & warantiȝinge sholde be sur & stable for euir, he strengthid' hit *with* þe printinge of his seele: & is *with*-oute date.

by Adam son of Warin of Ailesbury, of house and lands,

held by quit-rents of * leaf XXXII or 43, back. gilt spurs and 1 lb. of cummin.

Purchase-money, £13 16*s.* 8*d.*

[838.] Chartur of Sare of Maundeuile for a mese curtilage & crofte in heiworþe.

About 1290.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat Sare of Maundeuile gaf, grauntid', & confirmid', to þat worthi woman dame mabili, bi þe *grace* of god' abbas of Godestowe, & to the couent of þe same place & to here successours for euir, j. mese *with* a curtilage & crofte in þe towne of heyworth (þat is to sei, in Esthrop), þe whiche she had' of þe gifte of adam wareine in þe same towne, *with* alle her *per*tinences in all places, to be had' & to be holde, of Thomas maundeuile lord' of þe fee & of his heiris, to þe fore-

Sale to Godstow, by Sarah of Mandeville, of a messuage, curtilage, and croft, as in no. 837,

seide Mabile, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place & to her successours, freli, quietli, well & pesibli, for riht heritage for euir, *with*-out ony reteininge, doinge *per*-of to þe same Thomas lorde of þe fee dewe seruices & wonid to þe forseide mese & crofte *per*teininge, for all seruices & seculer demaundis longinge to him & to his heiris, sauinge to þe lorde of þe fee all seruices aforeseide longinge to þe same tenement boþe in sute of courte & also in rentes, þat is to sei, a paire of sporis gilte or vj. d. at estur & j. pownde of comin at mihelmas, *with* þe seide sute, yerli : & þe seide Sare & her heiris warantizid acquitid & defendid to þe foreseide dame Mabili, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place & to here successours, all þe fore-seide tenement ageiniste all mortall men for euer. For this gifte graunt & confirminge & warantizinge, þe fore-seide dame mabili, abbas of Godestowe, gaf to her xx. marke of siluer in warison bi-fore handis. In-to witnes here-of here seele was put to þis writinge : & is *with*-oute date.

subject to suit to court, and to quit-rents, as in no. 837.

Purchase-money, £13 6*s.* 8*d.*

About 1290.

[839.] Chartur of Thomas Maundeuile confirminge þe chartur of Sare his Sistur.

Licence in mortmain, by Thomas de Mandeville, as chief lord, allowing his sister to give and Godstow to accept no. 838.

The sentence of þis confirmacion is euin þe same worde for worde as is þe chartur of the gifte of feffement a-fore seide.

* leaf XXXIII or 44, back. About 1290.

[840.] * Chartur of Gefrei of Maundeuile for a mede longinge to þe halfe acre.

Grant to Godstow, by Jeffrey of Mandeville, of a meadow, and pasture-right.

The sentence of þis chartur is, *þat* Gefrei of Maundeuile gaf, grauntid, & confirmid, to Dame Mabili Wafre, abbas of Godestowe, & to þe couent of þe same place, in-to pur & *per*petuel almis, all þe mede longinge to on half acre in þe felde of hiworþe, þat is to sei, in þe mede *þat* is callid estmede ondermede & toddenei in *par*tinge of þe mede of þe same abbas, *with* þe halfe of þe pasture of j. oxe in þe fre pasture of Esthrop, *with* all his *per*tinences & fredoms in euiri place longinge to þe fore-seide mede & pastur, to be had & to be hold to þe fore-seide abbas & couent & to her successours, freli & quietli, well and pesibli, for riht heritage for euir, *with*-oute ony *with*holdinge, &

[fre] fro all̃ seculer̃ seruic*es* or demaunde : also þe foreseide Gefrei & his heiris warantiꝫid̃ acquitid̃ & defendid̃, to þe foreseide abbas & couent & her̃ successours, all̃ þe foreseide mede & pastur*e*, w*ith* all̃ þe p*er*tinenc*es*, agenist all̃ mortal̃ men. In-to witnes þer*of* he put to his seele : & is w*ith*-oute date.

[Highworth.]

[841. * Charter of Nicholas de Gardino of a half-yardland of land, made to Roger of Writele, paying one halfpenny of silver and a lb. of cummin at Michaelmas.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 35, back. About 1270.

Nicholas de Gardino granted, to Roger of Writele and his heirs and assigns, a half-yardland of his land in the fields of Worthe, namely that which he had of the gift of Matilda the daughter of Everard le pestur, with all the mead belonging to it, namely in Estmed, Sundermed, Rowendene, Eldelonde;

Sale to Roger of Writele, by Nicholas of the Garden, of a half-yardland and meadow:—viz. in one field, 10 half-acres, 4 roods, 3 half-roods, all separate,

a half-acre in North field in Rugfordelonde next the land which was of John Everard; a half-acre in Waterforn southwards, next the land which was of Robert of Abindone; a half-acre at þickeþorne, next the land which was of John Penot; one rood in Gerbrodelonde, next the land which was of William Torn; and a half-acre under rigge, next the land which was of Jeffrey of Mandeville; a half-acre at Rowendene, next the land which was of Robert of Abindone; [a half-acre at þickeþorne [1]] of Humphrey asse; a half-acre in Luttlechaldeforlong, next the land which was of William Bassat; a half-acre towards Grenlinche, next the land which was of Hugh of Mandeville; one rood at Wattoneshurne, next the land which was of Warin of Eylesburi; a half-acre at Garstoneꝫete, next the land which was of William Bassat; one rood under Budewelle, next the land which was of Eruald Wypping; a half-rood at Dracꝫurde, next the land which was of Robert of the mill; a half-rood at Holeweye, next the land which was of Robert Ref; a half-rood there next the land which was of William Torn; a half-acre at benche, next the land which was of John Everard; one rood at Settelþorne, next the land which was of John Everard.

[1] Marked for correction: 'next the land which was' ought to have followed.

and, in another field, 6 half-acres, 3 roods, and 3 sellions, all separate;

In South field, a half-acre at Reuerdesforlonge, next the land which was of John Aylewyne; a half-acre over Sevenhemehull, next the land which was of Roger Castel; a half-acre in inlonde, next the land which was of Ralph Castel; one rood there, next the land which was of William Torn; a half-acre in Wowelonde, next landewe; a half-acre towards heyemore, next the land which was of Ralph Castel; one rood at Holelake, next the land which was of Jeffrey de Mandeville; a half-acre under gurefeu, next the land which was of John Everard; * one rood at Wydihamme, next the land which was of Hugh of Mandevile; three 'sullones' in a croft at Korpeswelle.

* leaf 36.

in all about 11 acres. Quit-rent ½*d.* and a lb. of cummin. Purchase-money, £7 6*s.* 8*d.*

All these he granted to Roger of Writele, his heirs and assigns, to be held by payment of a half-penny of silver[1] and a lb. of cummin at Michaelmas for all services, except reasonable relief. For this grant Roger of Writele paid 11 marcs of silver. Witnesses, Warin of Eylesburi, Roger of Laburi, Peter of the mill, etc.]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 36. 1284, Aug. 26.

[842. * Quit-claim of Hubert de Gardino of Worthe.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Hubert of the garden, of all title in no. 841. Purchase-money, 13*s.* 4*d.* [Widhill, near Highworth.] [Bartholomew = Aug. 24.]

Hubert de gardino quit-claimed to Mabil, abbess of Godstow, and the convent of Godstow, all right and title in a half-yardland, with meadow belonging to it, in Worth and Estthrop, which they had of the gift of Roger of Writele, and which the said Roger had of Hubert's father Nicholas de gardino. For this grant Godstow paid him a marc of silver.

Witnesses:—Richard de la Ryvere, and John Waleraund, knights; Thomas of Maundevill; John of Wydhull, etc. Given at Heyeworthe, Saturday after St. Bartholomew, 12 Edward I.]

* leaf XVII or 29, back. 1285.

[843.] * Chartur of Roger writele of brode bluntesdunne of londys & tenementys.

Duplicate of no. 809. Grant to Godstow,

The sentence of thys chartur is, that Roger writele of brode bluntysdoune, by the assent & consent of anneys hys wyfe, gafe grauntyde & confermyde with hys wrytynge, & claymyd vtturly

[1] 'unus obolus argenti.'

to be quite for hym & hys heyrys, to god & to þe churche of our lady seynt Marye & of seynt Iohn baptiste of Godestowe & to þe mynchons there seruynge god & to serue for euyr, for the helthe of hys sowle & of anneys hys wyfe & Isabel sumtyme his wyfe & for þe soules of here fadurs & modurs & of all benefet*urs*, in-to fre & *per*petual almys, all hys londys in brode bluntysdone & in Esthrop & in þe towne of heyworth & in chelworþe, *with* þe mansions, bildynges, gardynys, doffehowsys, fre tenaunt*es*, boun*de* holders *with* her sequelis (or hem þat folowe of hem), coterell, rent*es*, work*es*, helpis, wardys, relefys, eschet*es*, fynys of londys, a-geyne-byyng*es* of her *pro*geniturys, medys, pasturys, scuag*es*, sutys of courtys, *with* all o*þer* liberteis & fre customys longynge to all þe seyde londys in all þe seyde place*s*, *with*-out ony ageyne-holdynge to hym & to hys heyrys or to ony in þe worlde, & *with* all þat myht falle to hem or to hys heyrys or to ony other by ony Ryht, all þe seyde londys to be holde & to be had, *with* all þyngys *per*teynynge to þe same, to þe fore-seyde churche of Godestowe & to þe seyde mynchons ther seruynge god & to serue for euyr, frely pesybly & holly for euyr, of þe lordys of þe fees, doynge þer-of to hem seruic*es* dewe & wonyd, þe whych he dyd or was wonyd to do for þe fore-seyde londys for all þyng*es* & euyrych þyng *per*teynynge to hem: also he gafe to þe fore-seyde mynchons yerly, in þe day of hys anniu*er*sarie, xl. *shillings* to a pitaunce in-to a memorye of hys sowle: & for þys gyft graunt & confirmacion & quite-clayme, þe foreseyde abbas & mynchons receyuyd specially hys sowle, & þe sowlys of anneys & of Isabel hys wyfys, fadurs & modurs sowlys, & of all hys benefeturs, in all her suffrag*es*, prayers, almys & vigils for euyr: & þat þys gyft graunt & confirmacion & hys quite-clayme sholde byde sure stable & unbroke for euyr, he put to hys seele: & is *with*out date.

by Roger of Writele, of all his lands and manorial rights

in Broad Blunsdon, Eastrop, Highworth and Chalworth,

out of which £2 is to be spent as a pittance on his anniversary. Godstow is to give Roger, his wives, his parents and his benefactors a place in the prayers of the community.

[Sevenhampton.]

[844.] * The Chart*er* of William Bonyfaunt of Sevenhampton̄ I-made to Roger of Writele of an acre of lond̄ *with* a perche, paiyng therfor yerely j. d̄. at Estir.

* leaf L or 60, back. About 1270.

The sentence of this Charter is, that William Bonyfaunt of Sevenhampton̄, the sone of Everard̄ Baker, yaf and graunted̄,

Sale to Roger of Writele,

by William Bonyfaunt, of 1 acre, 1 rood;

and *with* his owne chartir confermed, to Roger of Writele of Bluntesdon and to his heires or to his assignes, for his service, an acre of his lond and a perche in the feldes of Sevenhampton, that is to sey, j. acre at Wodepole liyng togedir bitwene the lond of the demayne of Sevenhampton and the lond that was of William Elmer, and a perche liyng beside Morlplotte bitwene the lond of the demayne of Sevenhampton and the lond of William Elmer: to be holde and to be had, of hym and of his heires, to the said Roger and to his heires or to his assignes who-so-ever they be and whom-so-ever he willed assigne yeve or bequeth, bothe in sikenesse and in helthe, in fee and in heritage, fre and quyetly wele and in pease, *with*out ony lette or ony reclayme or vexyng of hym or of his heires here-after, paiyng therfor yerely to hym and to his heires j. d. of siluer at Ester, for all seruyces, sutes of his Court, quareles or playntes, customes, helpes, releves, wardes, Eschetis, and

quit-rent, 1*d.*

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* Exchequer MS. leaf 64.

[* other secular demands. William Bonyfaunt warrantizes said acre and rood to Roger of Writele. For this grant Roger gave him 20*s.* before-hand to his great need. Witnesses:—Peter of the mill, Warin of Eylesbury, etc.]

[Ufcot, near Cricklade.]

* leaf 169, back. About 1200?

[845.] *** A Charter of Symond Louel, fitz William Louel, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for all the londe *with* the principall or chief mese and *with* all other p*er*tynentis that he bought and had somtyme in the towne of Vffecote.**

Grant to Godstow by Simon Louel,

The sentence of this charter is, that Symond Louel, fitz William Louel, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, for the helthe of his soule and of the sowles of his fadir and modir and the sowles of his bretheren and his susteren, all the lond *with* the chief mese, * the hole of possessions of frutes and all other frutes and profites and all liberteis that euer hit had best and freliest, savyng the bisshoppes right in all thyngis. And that this his yifte

* leaf 170. of land of the

shold not fro that tyme be reuoked by ony machynacion or shrew, he confermed the same pagyne[1], and strengthed hit with the defence of his seale. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*. bishop's fee.

[Note.—The Latin copy (Exchequer MS. leaf 151, back) shows that the translator in condensing the document, has left out matter of importance. The witnesses were 'Sir' Philip Lovel, 'Sir' William of Torney, and 'Sir' Richard of Henton, probably parish clergy. The land (4 virgates) was bought from Robert Toky, and held subject to a quit-rent of 12*d.* at Easter. The sum of 5*s.* was to be spent as a pittance to Godstow on the donor's anniversary day, and the rest of the income to be given to the use of the kitchen of Godstow. At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow still owned some small revenue at Ufcot, but it is slumped with revenues from Cricklade, &c.: *Monast.* iv. 374.]

[846. * Of a half-virgate in Uffecote.

*Exchequer MS. leaf 151, back. About 1200?

Simon Luvell gave to Godstow the half-virgate in Uffecote, which Walter, son of Gunuld, gave to him. Grant to Godstow, by Simon Lovel, of a half-yardland.

Witnesses:—Peter of Meyroles; Thomas of Uffecote; Philip Luvel, cleric.]

[Watereaton, near Cricklade.]

[Note.—In pope Nicholas IV's 1291 *Taxatio Ecclesiastica* Godstow is put down as receiving in spiritualities a portion of £2 yearly from Eaton chapel (probably the lesser tithe, see no. 851), and in temporalities £20 from properties in Cricklade and Eaton. In the survey of 1531 (*Monast.* iv. 373) the properties in Nun-eton or West-eton and in Broad Blunsdon are assessed to be worth £60 a year.

In Mr. J. Horace Round's *Peerage and Family History* (1901), pp. 201–6, these Godstow deeds are brought in to explain the grantor's family history. Reginald fitz-count, was son of Roger fitz-William, earl of Hereford, who died in prison in 1087. Mr. Round thinks him a legitimate son, excluded from the earldom, because that was forfeited by his father's rebellion. He held property in Wiltshire in right of his wife, Emmeline, daughter and heiress of Hamelin de Ballon, lord of Abergavenny.]

[847.] * Chartur of Reinolde of þe maner of Eton.

* leaf XXVIII or 39, back. About 1142.

The sentence of this chartur is, þat Reinold fitz erle, & Emeline his wyfe, & his sones Reinolde & hameline, & his dowhters anneis & Iuliane, gaf, & grauntide, to god & to our ladi, & to seint Iohn baptiste & to the holi minchons of Godestowe, in-to perpetuel almis, his maner, þat is to sei, Eton, Grant to Godstow, by Reginald fitz-count, of the manor,

[1] i. e. *pagina*, used as equivalent to 'document.'

as well & worshipfulli, freli & quietli, in all þinges & in all places, as euer he helde beste in þe time of kynge henry or of kynge Stephin, þe which also grauntid & confirmid this gifte bi his chartur for þe sowle of kynge henri & for her sowlis at the beginninge rehersid & for þe sowlis of her aunceturs : & is with-oute date.

confirmed by king Stephen.

[The preceding deed and no. 850 are printed in *Monast.* iv. 365 from the Latin.]

1145. Restatement of no 847.

[848.] Chartur of Reinolde fitz Roger Erle of herford for þe maner of Etoñ.

Grant to Godstow, by Reginald son of Roger, earl of Hereford, of the manor of Eaton,

The sentence of þis chartur is, þat Reinolde (þe sone of Roger, Erle of herforde) & emeline his wife willid to be knowe, to[1] þe bisshope of lincolne[2] & all cristen men present now & for to come, þat boþe þei & his too sonis Reinolde & hameline, & also his too dowhters anneis & Iulian, gafe, & grauntid, to god & to our ladi & to seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, in-to perpetuel almis, to þe vse of þe holi minchons, Eton his maner of her chife lordeshippe, for her helþe & for remedi of her sinnis & also for þe sowle of kynge henry & for þe sowlis of his aunceturs. Werefore þei willid & desirid affectuosli þat no man, bi þe deuillis meuinge, sholde be a-bowte for to lette þis gifte or uexe þe fore-seid minchons of þe fore-seide churche with ony doinges to make hem weri of hit, but þat þei holde hit & haue hit well & in peece, freli & quietli & worshipfull[i], in woode & in plaine, in medes & pasturs, in waters & millis [&] in pondis, in weiis & paþis, & in all þinges longynge to hit, with all customis & liberteis, as freli & also welle as euir þei helde hit while þat hit was in her owne honde in þe time of kynge henri & afturwarde in kinge Stephin's time, bi whos chartur Also þis gifte of hem was confirmid, þe x. yere of his reine.

with full manorial rights,

with confirmation by King Stephen.

About 1154.

[849.] Confirmacion of kynge henry for þe maner of Etoñ.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, of the grant

The sentence of this chartur or confirmacion is, þat henri, kinge of Inglonde duke of Normandie & of gyen & Erle of aunge, willid to be know to archebisshopis bisshopes Abbotes Erlis Iustices vicountes barons Ministres & to all his trewe

[1] MS. has 'þat,' by a slip for 'to.'

[2] As diocesan of Godstow.

men of Inglonde, þat he grauntiđ to gođ, & to * þe churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste of Godestowe, & to þe minchons þere seruinge gođ, þat gifte þat Reinolde fitz Erle & Emeline his wife & william & hameline his sonis made to þe fore-seide churche of Godestowe & to þe minchons, of þe maner of Eton, in-to perpetuel almis. Where-fore he williđ & commaundiđ sureli þat þe foreseiđ churche & minchons sholde holde & haue þe fore-seide maner well & pesibli, freli & quietli & worshipfulli, in woode & plaine, with all oþer comoditeis rehersid in þe chartur bi-fore, & also freli as euir þei helde hit in heŕ life: & is with-oute date.

of Eaton (no. 848). * leaf XXIX or 40.

[850.] * Chartur of reinoldđ baelim for þe maner of Eton.

* leaf XXVIII or 39, back. About 1154.

THE sentence of þis chartur is, þat reinoldđ baelim[1], þe sone of Reynoldđ fitz counte alias erle, & emeline baelim, grauntiđ & confirmiđ þat gifte þat his fadur & his moodur maden of his maner, þat is to sei, of Eton, to god & to þe churche of our ladi & of seint Iohn baptiste & to þe holi minchons of Godestowe, in-to perpetuel almis: wherefor he grauntiđ & williđ þat þe fore-seide minchons sholde holde & haue þe fore-seide maner well & in pece, freli, quietli, & worshipfulli, in all þinges, in wode & plaine, in medis & pasturis, in waturs & millis & pondis, in weiis & patthis, & in all oþer places, with all thinges hangynge þer-to, & all libertees & quietinges þe which þe foreseiđ Reinolde his fadur helde whenne þat he helde hit beste & freeste while þat hit was in his honde, and as hameline of baelim his vncle helde hit moste beste & frelieste in his life: & is with-oute date.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Reginald de Ballon, of his father's grant, as in no. 848.

[851.] * a composicion bitwene þe abbot of Cicetuŕ & þe abbas & minchons of Godestowe for þe churche of Eton.

* leaf XXIX or 40, back. About 1195.

THE sentence of this composicion is, þat þer was a delegacie I-sende fro pope celestine[2] þe iij. to henri[3], abbot of Abendon,

Commission appointed

[1] In error for 'Baelun,' i.e. de Ballon.

[2] Celestine III was pope 1191–8.

[3] 'Henry' must be in error for 'Hugh,' possibly arrived at by wrongly expanding H. of the deed. Hugh, abbot, immediately succeeded Alfred (d. 1189), and remained abbot till his death (1221).

by pope Celestine III to decide suit between Godstow and Cirencester abbey, as to the relation of Eaton chapel to Eisey (the mother-church). Orders that (*a*) Eaton is to be subject to Eisey as a chapel-of-ease; (*b*) Eaton chapel is to have land assigned for its endowment;

(*c*) great tithe of Eaton manor is to go to Eisey. [The tithe-barns.]

& to william [1], abbot of Thame, & to mastur Robert Chadeleswrde, to knowe þe cause of þe *strife* bi-twene *Richard* [2], abbat of Cicetur & þe chanons of þe same place, & þe abbas & minchons of Godestowe, for to cese hit *with* a dewe forme & ende. & so, aftur mony tretinges of þe same mater, þei compownid frendli, bi counsel of wise men, & restid bi þis ende: þat is to sei, þat þe fore-seide abbas & mynchons, þe quarel & playnt þat þei had meuid to þe fore-seide abbot & chanons vppon the * leaf XXX or 41. * chapell of Eton (seïnge þat hit was & owid to be fre & assoiled fro þe subieccion of euiri modur church) remittid hit all to þe chanons, grauntinge also þat þe fore-seide chapel of Eton sholde a-bide subiecte for euer to þe church of Eisi as a chapell. þei [3] grauntid also to þe chapell of Eton & bi hit to þe churche of Eisi (as to þe modur churche) halfe j. hide of londe in Eton biside þat halfe hide of londe þat hit holdiþe & haþe I-holde fro olde time, to be holde in-to pure & perpetuel almis, *with* meede & pastur perteininge to þe same, freli & quietli fro all exaccion & seculer seruice þat shold be do to þe same minchons þer-of: also j. yerd-londe þat was assinid of olde time to the same chapell *with* þe pertinences þat hit had of olde time, & a-noþer yerde of londe of þe lordeshipe of þe minchons in-to an eschange of a yerde of londe þat was assinid of olde time to þe fore-seide chapel, of þe whiche yerde of londe x. acris wer assinid in þe est felde in a telthe þat is callid beringereslonde, & in þe same parte of þe felde was assinid of þe demain mede of þe minchons mede perteininge to þe fore-seide yerde of londe, þat is to sei, ij. acris & j. halfe; oþer x. acris wer assinid in þe sowth felde in telthe þat is callid vedermorforlonge, in þe whiche telþe þe fore-seide minchons reteinid too vttermuste acris next to þe pasture: thei graunte also to þe fore-seide chapell, *with* þe fore-seide londe, a crofte *with* a mese next to þe crofte longinge a-fore to þe fore-seide chapell. Thei graunte also þat, of all her lordeship in Eton, þe tithis of þe corne sholde be gyfe hole at þe doris of þe bernis to þe person of Eisi & to his successours for euir, *with*-oute deceite or greuance. Thei promisid also, bi a boke oth, þat þei sholde neuer aftur-

[1] William of Forde, abbot 1184–1205.
[2] Richard, abbot of Cirencester 1187–1213. Cirencester abbey owned the rectory of Eisey.
[3] i. e. the Commissioners.

warde gete no letters fro þe pope, noþer vse non I-gote, bi þe whiche sholde ony derogacion be or hurte to þe fore-seide couenaunt, & þat þei sholde not turne þe arable londe in-to pasture or pastur in-to arable londe in-to deceite of þis couenaunt. & þe fore-seide abbot & couent grauntid to þe fore-seide chapell of Eton þat hit sholde haue bi þe churche of Eisi all seruice þat hit was wonid to haue of ryht, þat is to sei, euiri soneday, & euiri holi day, & iij. daiis in þe woke (þat is to sei, moneday, wodynesday & freyday), & thorowe all þe lente, continuel seruice, *with* þe ouris of þe day in lente & holi dais to be seide. Thei grauntid also þat men of Eton sholde be biried euirmore bi þe chapelleyn of Eisi in þe churche-yerde of þe chapell of Eton, sauinge thorowe all þe riht to þe churche of Eisi þat þe fore-seide churche was I-wonid to haue in þe seide chapell, sauinge also þe bisshoppis riht & customis. Thei *gr*auntid also to þe forcseide abbas & couent of Godestowe þat hit sholde be lawefull to hem for euir to reteine to hem-selfe þe tithis of norisshinge of bestes of here owne lordeship, & of nouall tithis, & fisshinges, & frutes of treis, aftur þat hit was gef to hem in þe *pri*uileges of pope clement þe v[1]. Thei behestid also, bi her trowth, þei sholde not gette no þinge afturwarde noþer vse I-gote ony þynge bi þe whiche ony gile sholde come a-geiniste þis couenaunte or be derogacion & hurtinge in ony wise: &, for-as-muche as hit is vn-semeli & a-geiniste reson þat contrau*er*si nameliche amonge religious folke lawfully endid sholde be soreli I-meuid ageine, þe delegat*es* co*n*firmid this * composicion, resonabli I-made a-fore hem, bi þe autorite þat þei had: and þat hit sholde be sure for euir, thei chargid hem to make hit stronge bi þe puttinge to of her seelis to þis *pr*esente writinge: & is *with*-oute date.

(*d*) Renunciation of appeal to Rome.
(*e*) Arable to remain arable; pasture, pasture.
(*f*) Services in Eaton chapel are to be supplied by Eisey church. [The 'Hours' of the day.]
(*g*) Eaton chapel is to have its own churchyard.
(*h*) Godstow is to have the lesser tithes of Eaton manor.

* leaf XXX or 41, back.

[852.] a conuencion I-made bi-twene þe abbot of Cicetur & his couent & þe abbas & minchons of Godestowe of þe chapell of Etoñ.

About 1195.

The sentence of þis conuencion is, þat þe abbot of Cicetur & his couent, *with* oon assent, *gr*auntid to þe chapell of Eton,

Agreement, in terms of no. 851, between

[1] Read Clement III, pope 1187–91; see in the confirmation-bull (no. 902) of Celestine III, circ. 1192. The Latin has 'Clementis tertii.'

Godstow and Cirencester abbey, (*a*) as to services to be supplied by Eisey church in Eaton chapel; (*b*) as to Eaton churchyard; (*c*) as to Godstow's right to the lesser tithes of Eaton.

þe whiche is a chapell of þe churche of Eisi, þat hit sholde haue bi þe modur churche of Eisi all seruices þat hit was wonid to haue: euiri soneday, & euiri holiday, & in euiri woke thre daijs (þat is to sei, moneday, wodenysday & freday) & thorowe all þe lente, continuel seruice, with þe oures of þe day in lente & in ferial[1] daijs to be seide. Thei grauntid also þat men of Eton sholde be biried in the churcheyerde of þe chapel of Eton euirmore bi þe chapeleyne of Eisi, sauinge þe riht þat hit was wonid to haue in the fore-seide chapell, sauinge also þe bisshopis riht & customs. Thei grauntid also to þe abbas & couent of Godestowe þat hit sholde be lefull to hem to reteine to hem-selfe þe tithis of norisshinges of bestes of her owne lordeshipis, of nouall tithis, fisshinges, & frutes of treis, as hit was gyfe to hem in þe priuileges of pope clement þe iij. and of pope celestine þe iij. Thei promittid also bi her trwthe þat þei wolde neuer gete noþer vse I-gote ony thynge þat sholde cause þis couenaunt to be broke: & þat þis couenaunt sholde a-bide sur & stedefaste, þei strengthid hit with her seele: & is with-oute date.

* Exchequer MS. leaf 190, back. 1222?

[853. * Agreement between Godstow and Thomas of Sanford, as to exemption of Eaton manor from suit to his hundred-court.

Quit-claim to Godstow, by Thomas of Sanford, exempting Eaton from suit to the hundred of Staple, in consideration of £4 13*s.* 4*d.*

Thomas of Sanford quit-claimed, for himself and his heirs, to Godstow, all suits of their manor of Eaton to his hundred of la Stapele. In return Godstow, at the charge of the convent, is to withdraw an action raised by it in the king's court. A penalty of 20 marcs is agreed upon, to be paid by him or his heirs, if he or they withdraw from this bargain; and he or they must also refund the 7 marcs which Godstow has paid him for it. Witnesses: John de Lupello; Stephen of Harehull.]

* leaf XXIX or 40. 1222.

[854.] * a final concorde of þe sute of þe hundred of Thomas of Stapulton[2].

Draft quit-claim

The sentence of þis writinge is, þat þer was a concorde I-made in þe kinges cowrt at westminster fro þe day of seint

[1] i. e. week-days.

[2] The Latin copy has 'Stapelton' in the rubric, but in the text 'Thomas de Saunford,' 'Thomas de Stapel.'

Mihel in-to j. moneth, þe yer̃ of kinge henry þe sone of kinge Iohn[1], a-fore Thom*as* of milette[2], william of Rale[2], Robert of lexinton, william of yorke, Mayst*er* Robert [of] Sharde[2], & Raph of Northewiche, Iusticis, & oþ*er* trewe men of þe king*es* þ*er*e beinge p*re*sente, bi-twene Thomas of Stapulto*n*, plain*er*, & an-felice of Godestowe, defender, bi Reinolde [le] port*er* in her stede to gete or to lese, of þe seut*es*, þe whiche þe same Thomas axid of þe same abbas to þe hundred̃ of þe same Thomas of Stapulton, of þe man*er* of þe same abbas of Eton, þe which seut*es* þe same Abbas knowlich notte hem & of þ*at* same þ*at* hit was pleid̃ bi-twene hem in þe fore-seide courte. þe fore-seid̃ Thomas remittid̃ & quite-claimid̃, of him-self & of his heiris, as muche as longid̃ to hem, to þe fore-seid̃ abbas & to oþ*er* abbassis succedinge her̃ & to her̃ churche of Godestowe, þe fore-seide seut*es*, so þ*at* afturwarde forþe þe seide abbasses sholde be quiete of all̃ man*er* seut*es* longynge to þe fore-seide hundred̃ for euir: &, for þis quite remittinge claime fine & concorde, þe fore-seide abbas remittid̃ & quite-claimid̃, of her̃ & of oþ*er* abbasses succedinge to her̃, to Thomas & to his heiris, all̃ þe harmis þ*at* she seid̃ þ*at* she had̃ bi þe fore-seide occasion: & þe seide abbas receiuid̃ þe seide Thomas & all̃ his heiris in alle benefet*es* & p*ra*yours þ*at* sholde aftur þ*at* time in her̃ churche of Godestowe be don for euir.

to Godstow, by Thomas de Saunford of Stapel, exempting Eaton manor from suit to the court of his hundred,

in consideration of a place in Godstow prayers.

[855.] * Chartur for tithis of hei & millis ageiniste þe p*er*son of Eisi.

* leaf XXIX or 40, back. 1236.

Commissioners appointed by pope Gregory IX,

The sentence of this euidence is, þ*at*, bi pope gregori, was a maundement made to þe prioris of Newneh*am*[3] & of Caldewell̃ & to þe dene of bedeforde of lincol*n* dioc*ese*, vppon the bisshop of seint dauid̃, abbas & Couente of Godestowe, & oþ*er* of lincoln*e* seint Dauid̃ & of Salisburi diocesis, for wronges þ*at* were done to þe p*er*son of þe churche of eisy, for certeyn tithis & possessions & oþ*er* thing*es*. For this þe pope co*m*maundid̃ to her̃ discrecion, bi his writinges, þ*at* þei sholde calle þe p*ar*tes to-gedur & her̃ her̃ causes, appellacion put a-side, & so to make

[Formula of a papal

[1] The Latin copy has after *Johannis* an obscurely written word like *soytod*. It is probably *sexto*, i. e. 1222. The names of the justiciaries agree with that date.

[2] In the Latin: Thomas of Milet. (i. e. Muleton), William of Ral. (i. e. Raleigh), Robert of Shard. (i. e. Shardelow).

[3] Newenham in Goldington parish, Bedfordshire.

commission.] an ende; & þat þat þei ordeinid', to be kepid' bi þe autorite of þe pope; the witnes þat sholde be namyd', yf thei with-drawe hem-selfe for fauor or hatered or drede, þat thei sholde constreine hem bi þe censures of þe churche to sei þe trowþe, the appellacion sette a-syde; & þat, if aĩ miht not be þere, [þ]at tweyne of hem at leste sholde do execucion: the date at peruse, þe xvj. kalend' of auguste þe ix. yer of his popehode. At þe laste, in þe church of seint poule of bedford', þe abbas & couent ofte timis I-citid', þe tiwisday next aftur seint Matheu þe apostil þei apperid' a-fore vs in Iugement, bi william, chapleine, her procurator sufficientli ordeinid' in Iugement; Master Nicholas, actor, person of Eysy proposinge his entent, þat is to sei, þat where he proposid & axid', bi þe autorite of þe pope, of þe same abbas & couent, þe tithis of hei & of millis of þe demaine of þe seide abbas & couent in Eton longynge to his churche of Eysy, bi the commune lawe. Aftur mony altercacions bi-twene hem, þe strife cesid' vndur þis forme: þat is to sei, þat þe seide abbas & couent grauntid' to þe seide churche of Eysy iij. acris of mede in fordemede bi-side hidemede, for þe goodenes of peece & cause of stryfis to be made lesse & cesid, in Eton of þe demayne of þe seide abbas & couent for euir: & furþermore þei grauntid' to þe fore-seide church of Esy for euir iij. quarters of commune corne yerli, þat is to sei, euin as hit comith to the mille, with-oute ony gyle or deceite yerli to be take at thre termis of þe yere, þat is to sei, at candelmas, on quarter at þe seide mille of Eton; & j. quarter, at midsomur; & at Mihelmas, j. quarter. Boþe parteis, bi her feyþe & trowthe, assinid in her presence þis composicion truli to be kepid' & wiþe-oute deceit; & þei þat wer iugges, bi þe autorite þat þei had', with þe consent of þe parties, confirmid' þe same, reseruinge to hem Iurisdiccion to constreine þat parte þat wolde not kepe hit. In-to witnes of þe which þynge, þei put to her seeles, with þe selis of þe parteis also: & is with-oute date.

Perugia, 1236, July 9,

[Matthew, Sept. 21.]

to decide in suit by Eisey church for tithes of hay and mills of Eaton manor,

assign to Eisey, in lieu of such tithes, 3 acres of meadow and 3 quarters of corn yearly [what 'common corn' is]

[Note.—That wheat sent 'to the mill' was expected to be of a recognized standard of purity is confirmed by a curious tradition which survives in Essex from the times before agricultural machines. Elderly men tell me that, in their boyhood, the wheat-crops were much infested by darnel (*lolium temulentum*). When the wheat was thrashed, each sheaf, before it was passed to the thresher, was taken in hand by a boy, who pulled out the darnel-heads. If this was not done, the miller either refused to buy the wheat, or gave a very small price for it.]

[856.] * Chartur of þe tithe of þe hey of Eton.

* leaf XXIX or 40. 1296, May 3.

Agreement by Roger of Writell, perhaps tenant of Eaton manor, to pay the vicar of Eisey yearly 10s., [Lammas, Aug. 1.] during his tenancy, in lieu of tithes of hay.

THE sentence of þis euidence is, þat, in þe yer̃ of our̃ lorde M° CC lxxxxvj°, at Estur, hit was a-cordid̃ bi-twene Mastur william Brachell̃, person of þe churche of Eisi of þe on parte, & Roger of writell̃ of þe oþer parte, þat syth þat þe[1] maystur william a-fore-seide had drawe þe same Roger in-to plee in cristin courte, in axinge of þe same Roger tithis of hei of þe maner of Eton Minchons oþer-wise þen he was wonid̃ to haue: þe same Roger grauntid̃, to þe fore-seid̃ maistur william, euiry yere to pay x. *shillings* of siluer at þe feste of seint petur þat is ad vincula or lambemas, while þat he had þe lorde-shipe of þe maner of Eton; & þe seide Maistur william grauntid̃ to þe same Roger to cese fro all̃ axinge of hei of þe seide Maner of Eton, bi the name of tithis as longe time as he had̃ possession of þe lordshippe; & þe fore-seide Roger, for þis peticion to be relesid̃, paid̃ to þe seide William[2] x. *shillings* of siluer for þe yer̃ þat was a-passid̃. In-to witnes of this same her̃ seelis wer̃ putt to þis writinge, euirich a-geiniste oþer: þe date at Eton Minchons, in feste of þe inuencion of the cros, the yere a-fore-seide.

[Invention of the Cross = May 3.]

[857.] * Chartur of kynge Edwarde of Mereheued̃ at Etoñ.

* leaf XXX or 41, back. 130⁶⁄₇, Febr. 12.

A Wiltshire jury having presented Godstow, at the assises, for stopping a branch of Thames, thereby damaging queen Margaret's lands at

THE sentence of þis euidence is, þat kynge Edwarde sawe þe tenour of recorde & processe of a presentment a-fore hys welbelouid̃ & trewe men, Iohn of lee & his felowis Iustices, I-assinid̃ to here & to ende diuerse transgressions harmis greuis & excessis in wilton sher̃ þat wer̃ do þat time, vppon þe abbas of Godestowe, þe which he made to come bifore him in his chauncellarie; wiltesir̃ *sessions*: *praesentatum est per*[3] xij. þat abbas of Godestowe, bi xij. yer̃ a-passid̃, in þe time of þe kinge, stoppid a course of watur in temyse I-callid Morheued̃ with-in the liberteis of þe quene of lactoñ & turned̃ þe cowrse of watur to þe noiinge of þe foreseid̃ quene & of all̃ þe cuntre & *cetera*: and hit was commaundid̃ to þe shreue þat he shold̃ make come

[1] 'þe' is marked for deletion.
[2] 'Roger̃,' in error in MS.
[3] i.e. 'per duodecim bonos et legales homines.'

Latton, Edward I ordered the sheriff of Wiltshire to have the case tried.

þe foreseide abbas, a-fore Iohn at lee & his felowis, Iustic*es* & c*etera*, at hegworth, þe wodeinsday aftur þe feste of seint Mathew þe apostle, to answere þe kinge & c*etera*: and þe abbas, bi Iohn Mondi heꝛ attornei, come þen & seide þat þe abbas was lady of þe man*er* of westeton [1], þe whiche man*er* she helde as of þe riht of heꝛ abbei, þe whiche man*er* is w*ith*-in þe lordeshipe of þe quene; fro [2] þat, þat she leuieꝺ or causiꝺ ony noiinge or turniꝺ ony course of watur as hit was p*re*sentiꝺ afore, & þat she is a-redi to verifie. I*deo* p*re*ceptum est vicecomiti þat he sholde make he [3] come bifore þe seide Iustic*es* at Marleborowe, þe moneday next aft*ur* þe feste of seint lucie v*ir*gin, de [4] visu de lactoñ & c*etera* xij. & c*etera*, p*er* quos & c*etera*, to þe recognicion in forme a-fore-seide. At þe whiche day þe fore-seide abbas come bi heꝛ attornei, & Iuriors [5] also, þe whiche seide vppon heꝛ othe þat þe foreseide abbas helde þe man*er* a-fore-seide as of þe fundacion of heꝛ churche; also þei seide þat p*er* weꝛ of olde time certen stonis [placed [6] at the Mereheued, and with iron and lead] Ioiniꝺ to-gedur to þe ese & p*ro*fite of þe * pepul goinge or hauinge here [7] londis & mede, & þat noþ*er* þe fore-seide abbas ne none of heꝛ p*re*decessours did no noiinge þ*er*e noþ*er* w*ith*-in þe man*er* a-fore-seide noþir turniꝺ þe course of þe watur as hit was supposiꝺ. þerefore þe fore-seide abbas may go fro þe courte dailes [8], sauinge þe kingis riht. And þe Iustic*es*, at þe requisicion of þe fore-seide abbas, made þe tenoure of þe recorde & p*ro*cesse a-fore-seiꝺ to be exemplifieꝺ bi þese p*re*sente writing*es*. In-to witnes of þe whiche þe kinge made his lett*ers* patent*es*, him-selfe beinge witnes at westminst*er*, þe xij. day of feuerel [9], þe xxxv yere of his reine.

Godstow denied the charge,

[Lucy = Dec. 13.] and before the jury of Latton

proved the existence of old stepping-stones,

* leaf XXXI or 42.

and the case was dropped.

[1] The Godstow manor is variously called Water-eaton, West-eton, Nuns-eton, Eton-mynchons, to distinguish it from the adjacent Castle-eaton.

[2] In the Latin 'Absque hoc': i. e. she dissented from the presentment, viz. that she had caused.

[3] Read 'hem' or, better, omit.

[4] i. e. 12 good men of the Latton view-of-frankpledge, to act as sworn jury.

[5] i. e. attended. The Latin is 'et iurati similiter.'

[6] Added from the Latin. It goes on 'these stones were to the advantage of all passing there or having lands and meadows there, and that neither the abbess nor any of her predecessors caused any nuisance there.'

[7] Read 'þere.'

[8] i. e. 'day-less': in Latin 'sine die,' the formula used when no further proceedings were to be taken.

[9] Read 'feuerer.'

YORKSHIRE

[York.]

[858.] * A Charter of Helye fitz Robert for all his right that he had in all his londes in yorke, & *cetera*. * leaf 151, back.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Elias, son of Robert, of lands in Littlegate, given by his brother Thomas.

The sentence of this charter is, that Helie fitz Robert graunted, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, into pure and perpetuel almesse, for the helth of his soule and of his auncetours, all the right that they had at york, in all the londes in litelgate, the which lieth bitwene thirosegail and the lond of henry Bustard, the which they had of the yifte of theire bretherne Roger and Thomas, frely and quyetly fro all seculer seruyce and exaccion except the seruyce of the chief lord, that is to sey, ij. *shillings* by the yere for all seruyce, and except j. lj. of comyn the which were I-woned to pay the mynchons afore-named to hym and to his heires for all seruyce at Cristmasse, after the tenour of the charter that they had of Thomas his brother. And his brother warantized bise aforsaid londes to the forsaid mynchons, after the charter of Thomas his brother afore-named. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera* [1].

[1] No other trace of this property has been found.

PLACES UNIDENTIFIED WHEN THE MS. WAS FIRST SENT TO PRESS

[Piddle Athelampston, Dorsetshire]

* Exchequer MS. leaf ii, back. About 1145. Grant to Godstow, by Muriel de Bohun, of a rent-charge, to found an obit.

[859. *** Charter for 20*s.* rent in Adelinkton.**

Muriella de Boun gave 20*s.* rent in Adelinkton, viz. in Dereseth, which William son of Bricher used to pay to her, to be paid to the kitchen on her anniversary.

Witnesses: Herbert, chaplain and keeper of Godstow; 4 James, steward of Godstow; Magister Rogerus Glovernia.]

[Note.—Identification supplied by Rev. H. E. Salter. In 1200 the bishop of Salisbury held, as two knights' fees, five small manors, viz. Prinnesley, Piddle Athelampston, and three others. At an earlier date Muriella de Bohun, wife of Ralph de Bruere, occurs as giving away land in Prinnesley (Hutchins's *History of Dorset*, iv. 298.]

[Baldon and Broad-enstone, Oxfordshire]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 183. 1234, Nov. 29. Grant to Godstow, by Thurstan Despencer, of a rent-charge, to endow an obit on Sept. 9 for his son Amalric.

[860. *** Charter of Thurstan, dispensator of the king of England.**

Thurstan Despencer, with the consent of his wife Lucy, gave to Godstow 5*s.* of yearly rent for the soul of Amauri his son, viz. 3*s.* to be taken of his men of Bradenston and 8 his fee in that vill with the homages, and 2*s.* in Baldindon from Andrew of the chequer, to provide a pittance on the morrow of the Nativity of the Virgin, i. e. on the anniversary of Aumari his son. 12

Witnesses: Ralph Despencer, parson; Adam Despencer, knight; Absalom and Bernard, chaplains; Gilebert of Biham; Reoland Bluet. Eve of St. Andrew, 1234: at Godstow.]

[Note.—Rev. H. E. Salter identifies both places for me. Baldindon is Baldon, Oxfordshire, where the Despencers had a manor of six hides. Broad-enstone is a hamlet, in Enstone parish, Oxfordshire, which was held, by the Despencers, of the Abbot of Winchcombe.]

[Combe Mylle.]

[Note.—The mention of the bishop of Lincoln suggests that this place was in that diocese, and it has been therefore assumed to be Combe Longa by Woodstock in Oxfordshire. The witnesses (Exchequer MS. leaf 183, back) supply no clue to the locality, being Hugh, chaplain; Ralf of Monemut. (i. e. Monmouth: Canon of Lincoln, circ. 1150–80); Sayer of Quincey; Fulk Trussell, &c. The date is also fixed by the absence of the property from pope Eugenius III's confirmation, 1145, and from Henry II's first confirmation, 1156, and its presence in Henry II's second confirmation (no. 879), 1165. Against the identification with Combe Longa is the fact that the manor of Combe Longa was in the King's hands from 1154 onwards; so that its miller, in making his grant, would have appealed to the King, his overlord, not to the bishop. The extant accounts of the manor (in Public Records Office) are not early enough to help us. Rev. S. Spencer Pearce, Vicar of Combe, tells me that there is no mention of the mill in the accounts 1243–99, but in those of 1304–11 it is plainly in the King's own hands.]

[861.] * A Charter of Norbert for the mylle of Combe I-made to the holy mynchons of Godestowe.

* leaf 149. About 1160.

The sentence of this Charter is, that Norbert willed to be know to the Robert Bisshop of lyncolne fadirhode and to all trew cristen peple of the chirche, that he, for the helthe of his
4 sowle, yaf and graunted into perpetuell almesse, to god and to the chirche of oure lady of Godestowe and to the holy mynchons there seruyng god, his mylle of Combe with all that longith therto. Wherfor he besily praied his hyghnesse that he
8 wold maynteyn and defende the same holy mynchons, for the love of god, in the same almesse. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Norbert, donor of the mill to Godstow, asks the bishop of Lincoln, Robert (de Chesney), bishop 1147-68), to effect his purpose.

[Horseford, in Norfolk.]

[Note.—Among the witnesses are Walter and Jordan, chaplains, and Walter Maleth. Herring were cured at the fishing-port. Oseney, e.g., Rev. H. E. Salter tells me, had tenements at Dunwich and at Yarmouth, for the supply of herrings. Margaret, wife of Hugh de Cressi, in 1175 inherited Horseford manor from her father William de Chesney. It had belonged to the family since 1086 (Blomefield's *History of Norfolk*, x. 433).]

[862.] * A Charter of Margery Cressy, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for v. cartlode of wode of aldur of her wode I-called horforde, xv. dayes after myghelmasse yerely to be take, to dry ther heryng.

* leaf 149, back. About 1180.

The sentence of this charter is, that Margery Cressy, in her fre wedowhode, for goddis sake and for the helth of her

Grant to Godstow,

by Margery Cressy, widow, of wood at Michaelmas to dry their herring.

sowle and of the sowles of her fadir and modir and of her aunceturs and successours, graunted, & *cetera*, into pure and *per*petuel almesse, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther *ser*uyng god, v. cartlode of wode of Aldur[1] in her wode I-called horford to be take by yere, that is to sey, xv. dayes *after* myghelmasse, to drye there heryng[2]. And that this her graunte, & *cetera*.

[Humesworth or Hinnesworth.]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 185, back. About 1160?

[863. * Charter of Peter of Brumelingham for the mill of Humesworth.

Grant to Godstow, [Nun's dower.] by Peter of Brumelingham of a mill and a rent-charge.

Peter and his wife Felicia, gave, with their daughter to be a nun, their mill of Humesworth[3] and *2s.* of rent at Hespes.

Witnesses:—Wacheline, abbot of Abingdon; Nicholas, monk of Evesham; Magister Roger and his nephew Simon; and the donor's sons William and Hugh.]

[Petham, in Kent.]

*Exchequer MS. leaf 184, back. About 1190.

[864. * Charter of Alan de Leia for 5 acres in perpetual alms.

[Nun's dower.] Grant to Godstow, by Alan of Leigh, of five acres in Petham, in exchange for a rent-charge.

Alan of Leigh lets all men, French and English, know, that with his daughter Amphelisia to be a nun, he has given to Godstow, with consent of his son and heir Roger, five acres which lie above the house of the parson of St. Peter of Farningeham on the east, which acres belonged to the mill of Farningeham, and which Godfrey son of Godwin of the bridge held of him in exchange for that half-marc of rent[4] which Richard of Grai used to pay to the nuns in the tenure of Putham,

[1] 'de alno in bosco meo de Horsford' in the Latin.

[2] 'ad suum allec siccandum': herring being then in the midst of their season. The nuns probably bought a considerable quantity to dry for winter use. Herrings were brought up the Thames in barges, and, during Lent, Abingdon Abbey claimed toll of each barge so laden (Wood's *City of Oxford*, i. 427).

[3] Writing indistinct: possibly 'Hinnesworth.' See Highworth mill, in no. 886 § 59.

[4] This rent-charge, given by Alan of Leigh, is found in Henry II's third charter (no. 886), 1182.

as he has held the land, or as his lord William of Einesford held it who gave that land to him with his sister Maud in free marriage (in libero matrimonio).

Witnesses:—William, dean of Wortun (? Horton); Elias, cleric of Einesford; Thomas, nephew of Agnes the abbess: at Einesford.]

[Note.—Rev. H. E. Salter happily identifies these places. Horton-Kirby, Farningham (church dedicated to SS. Peter and Paul), and Eynsford are adjacent parishes, south of Dartford in Kent. Petham is a small manor in Farningham parish (Hasted's *History of Kent*, i. 300).]

[Vleberne.]

[865. * Grant of the advowson of the church with all its pertinents. *Exchequer MS. leaf 153. 1234, Nov. 29.

Grant to Godstow, by Thurstan Despencer, of the advowson of Vleberne, to found two obits.

Thurstan, dispensator domini regis Anglie, with the wish of his mother Alde Bluet and of his wife Lucy, granted to Godstow the jus patronatus of the church of Vleberne[1], as soon as a vacancy occurs, the fruits to go to the kitchen of the convent on the morrow (Sept. 9) of the Nativity of Mary, to keep the anniversary of Ammaurice his son (who is buried at Godstow); if Godstow procures the appropriation of the church, one half is to be applied for his son's anniversary (as before), and the other half is to go to the kitchen on St. Valentine's day (Feb. 14), to keep the anniversary of Ammaurice[2] his father. Dated 1234, vigil of St. Andrew.

Witnesses:—Ralph Despencer, parson; Adam Despencer, knight; Gilebert of Biam; Reoland Bluet.]

[1] Ewelme, Oxfordshire, is the only Despencer advowson in the *Testa*, 1240, which is at all like Vleberne (or Uleberne). The witness Ralph Despencer was rector of Ewelme.

[2] Almaric Despencer, flor. temp. Ric. I.

GENERAL CHARTERS

[General Charters :—1. By the bishop of Lincoln (the diocesan).]

* leaf IIII or 16. 113$\frac{8}{9}$.

[866.] ***A pryuylege I-grauntid' by þ^e bysshope of lincolne[1] to the churche of Godestowe for certeyn fredams & not to be visit.**

Grant to Godstow, by Alexander, bishop of Lincoln,

with assent of Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, of exemption from entertaining the archdeacon on his visitation tour; of free hallowing of chrism and oil for extreme unction; of power to withdraw their chaplains from the jurisdiction of archdeacon and rural dean, and dismiss them of their own authority; of subjection of the nuns to the sole authority of the

The sentence of thys dede is, that, in the dedicacion of the churche of Godstowe, Alexand*er*, bysshoppe of lincoln*e*, in the p*re*sence of Stephyn Kynge of ynglonde & Malde quene, & a-fore Bysshopys & Abbotys, Dukys & Baronys, Clergye & also the Layfe that wher' there, grauntyd' to the same churche of Godstowe a liberte or fredam that sueth, I-wrete & confermyd' by autorite of hym that was bisshop, walt*er* archedecun of Oxenford' beynge welwyllyd' & praynge, the whiche that tyme had' the offyce of archedecunrye of the same cuntre :—that is to sey, that the forseyd churche be free & vtt*ur*ly restyd' fro all exaccion or grevaunce of the archydiacon, as in hospitalites[2] to be kepyd', or chapeleyns to be callyd' in plee, or in othyr mynstyrsse[3] of the same to be browht in-to plee : Also that the seyd' churche haue oyle, creyme or c*ri*sme, and holy oyle, Also oyle of seke folke[4], w*ith*-out payment : The abbas also may sett her' chapellayns so that, yf she wylle, they go not to seynys[5] or to chapit*er*s, nothyr that they answere the archedecun ne deene ne othyr minist*er*s of hem but by her' free wylle ; &, if they wylle do frowardely, the Abbas may calle the prestys next whyche she lykyth to her' owne churche, by whoos dome she may correcte hem or put hem awey : The Abbas also to haue cure & charge of her' Mynchyns & correccion, w*ith*-out[6] citacion

[1] 'Walter, archdeacon of Oxenforde' followed, but is partially erased : see next paragraph.

[2] '⊐ the fredom þ*at* we have of þ^e bisshop,' in margin.

[3] *Sic.*

[4] Latin is : 'oleum quoque, crisma et oleum sanctum et oleum infirmorum.'

[5] Latin is : 'ad sinodos.'

[6] '¶ marke welle þys poynt' : marginal note.

of the bysshop or archedecun: And, whenne that the Abbas is dede, that the Mynchyns chese a-nother of the same couent, as god inspirith hem, so that none Mynchyn of an-othyr churche be set vppe to be abbas a-yenst her wyll. If ony man wyllyth to be a defowler or destruer of thys liberte, be he a-cursyd & departyd fro god vn-to the day of iuggement or dome. Of thys be wytnes Robert, bisshop of Exetur, oþer bisshops, Abbotes, erlys & oþer pepul spirituall & temporal: & is with-out date.

abbess; of free election by the nuns at each vacancy of the abbessship. Anathema against infringers of this grant.

[Note.—In the Exchequer MS. the witnesses are given: viz. Robert (Chichester), bishop of Exeter (1138–55); Robert, bishop of Bath (1135-66); Roger, bishop of Salisbury (died Dec. 4, 1139); Algar, bishop of Coutances; Simon, bishop of Worcester (1125-50); Walter, archdeacon of Oxford; Reginald, abbot of Evesham; Walter, abbot of Egenesham (Einsham); Robert (de Bellomont), earl of Leicester (1118-68); Milo of Gloucester, constable; Robert of Olley; John of St. John; Engelram of Sai.]

[867.] * A chartur of fredams I-grauntyd by watur, archedecun of Oxenforde.

* leaf IIII or 16, back. A. D. 113$\frac{8}{9}$.

Thys sentence is that Walter, archedecun of Oxenford, grauntyd to the chyrche of Godstowe, & to the Mynchyns there seruynge god, all fredam & liberte, aftur the same forme (word by word) as it is wrytyn in the graunt of Alisaunder bysshop of lincolne next a-fore thys.

Grant to Godstow, by Walter, archdeacon of Oxford, of immunities, as in no. 866.

[868.] * A confirmacion of watur bysshop of lincolne of our liberteis.

* leaf V or 17, back. A.D. 1183.

The sentence of thys confirmacion is that Walter, Bysshop of lincolne, wyllyth to be knowe to all cristyn pepul that he for the loue of god hathe grauntyd to the churche of oure lady seynt Marie of Godstowe, & to the Mynchons there seruynge god, C. *shillings* in the tolbowthe of Banbury yerly to be payd, & I-grauntyd by-fore of Alisaunder, bysshop, oure predecessor.

He grauntyd also the fredam I-grauntyd of the same alisaunder to the same churche, & confermyd with hys chartur, with the forseyd C. *shillings*:—that is to say, that the forseyde churche be fre & vtterly quietyd fro all exaccion of archedecun, or greuynge, as in herberynges to be askyd, or chapleynys to

Confirmation to Godstow, by Walter de Constantiis, bishop of Lincoln (1183-84), of bishop Alexander's gift (no. 285), and of the immunities conferred by the same (no. 866).

be browht in-to plee, or other mynystyrs of the same church to be ledde in-to plee. Oyle, creyme & holy oyle & oyle of seke folke, he grauntyd the same church for to haue *with*-out ony exaccion; the Abbas of the place may set her chapleyns so that, if she wyll, they shulle not go to seynys or to chapet*urs*, nother answere, but they wyll hem-self, to the archedecun, ne to the dene, ne to none of her ministirs. And yf her chapleynys do frowardly a-geynyst thys liberte, the Abbas may calle the prestis next dwellynge, whyche she lustythe, & by her iuggement she may correcte hem, other put hem a-wey. By thys confirmacion she hathe also cure & correccion of her mynchons, *with*-out citacion of bysshop or archedecun. Aftur the Abbas dethe, the mynchons may chese another of the couent of the same churche, as god inspiryth them, so that none of non other churche a-geynyst her wylle be set a-bove hem to be Abbas.

[= rural dean.]

Anathema against violators.

Who-so-euyr be destryer or defoyler of thys fredam, he gafe hym goddys curs & hys, but he left & dud dew satisfaccion; & that hys graunt shold not by ony shrewdnes be destroyde, he confirmyd hyt *with* hys seele, thes beynge wytnes, & *cetera*: and is *with*-oute date.

* leaf IIII or 16, back. About 1190.

[869.] * A confirmacion by hug*h*, bysshop of lincoln*e*, of all our churchys.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Hugh of Avalon, bishop of Lincoln (1186–1200), of bishop Alexander's gift (no. 285), and of the rectories of Wycombe (no. 87), Bloxham (no. 306), St. Giles', Oxford (no. 571),

The sentence of thys dede is, that Hugh, Bysshop of lincoln*e*, confermyd to the religius hows of our lady seynt mary & seynt Iohñ baptiste of Godstowe, & to the Mynchyns ther seruynge god, to [1] her sustenaunce in *per*petuall vse, benefett*es*, to be in tyme comynge, the whyche hathe be grauntyd thorow largenes of trew cristin men & pepul. The namys of tho benefett*es* we [2] here folowynge shal shewe:—that is to sey, an C. *shillings* yerly, of the gyft of alisaunder bysshop of lincolne, to be receyuyd in the tolle-bowthe of the market of banbury; of the gyft of kynge henry the sone of Mald the emperice, the churchys of Wycombe, & of Bloxham, *with* al ther purtenancys; of the gyft of Aylwyne the sone of Godgose, the churche of seyn*t* Gile that standyth *with*-out Oxenford, *with* all hys purtenaunces;

[1] In the Latin: 'ad sustentationem earum, perpetuis usibus profutura, beneficia fidelium Christi largitate concessa.'

[2] Lapse into first person of the Latin.

Of the gyft of agnes, the dowhter of pagane the sone of Iohñ, the churche of Dungtune, with all hys purtenaunces; of the gyft of Symond' of wahylle, halfe of the churche of pateshyl, with all hys purtenaunces: That these benefettys, resonably I-grauntyd & yefe to the forseyd Mynchyns, to be turnyd to her vses, & to be seruid with her chapleyns, be ratified & confermyd by that autorite that he was bysshop. Also he grauntyd' to the forseyd seruantes of crist that they sholde be free & quiete fro all exaccions, custome, & gref, sauynge the bysshop's ryht & the dignite of the churche of lincoln. And for to make it ferme & stedfast, he put to thys confyrmacion hys seele. These beynge wytnesses whoos names byn shewyd in the confirmacion: & is with-out date.

Dinton (no. 52), and the moiety of Pattishall church (in no. 4), all in the diocese of Lincoln, with leave to serve them by chaplains, and immunity from charges.

[870.] * A confirmacion of william, bysshop of lincolne, of þe toll in banbury with oþer þynges.

* leaf V or 17. About 1205.

The sentence of thys confirmacion is that William, bysshop of lincolne, wyllinge to gyfe fauor to the ryhtful desyrys of the religius pepul the Abbas of Godstowe & of hyr mynchons, hathe wyllyd' to be knowe a-monge all folke, that he hathe ratified' & confermyd' to the hows of our lady seynt mary & seynt Iohñ Baptist of Godstowe, & to the seruauntys of crist there dwelynge, to her perpetual vses, benefetys, to a-byde, & to profite, that haue be grauntyd' thorow the largenes of trewe cristyn men, the whych we wylle & deme by her owne namys to be expressyd & shewyd':—that is to say, of the gyft of that goode man Alisaunder bysshop of lincolne, C. *shillings* yerly to be payd' in the tolle-bow*the of Banbury; of the gyft of henry, the sone of molde the emperice, the churches of wycombe, & of Bloxham, with all her pertinences; of the gyft of aylwyne, the sone of Godgose, the churche of seynt Gylys, the whyche is set with-out Oxenford', with all hys pertinences longynge to the same churche; of the gyft of agnes, the dowhter of pagane the sone of Iohñ, the churche of dunnyngton, with all hys pertinences; of the gyft of the sone of william, the halfe of the churche of pattyshul, with all hys pertenences. The fore-seyde benefices, euyn like as they byn resonably gyf to the same Mynchons a-fore-seyd', to be turnyd' fullych in-to her owne vses,

Confirmation to Godstow, by William de Blois (bishop of Lincoln, 1203–6), as in no. 869.

* leaf V or 17, back.

& to be seruid *with* her owne chaplaynys, the fore-seyd bysshop william hathe ratified & confermyd. Furthermore he hathe [granted] to the fore-seyd seruaun*t*[s] of crist for to be free & quiete fro all exaccion, custom, & grefe, sauynge the bisshop's ryht, & the dignite of the churche of lincolne. And, for that it shulde be sure & ferme, he confermyd hit *with* hys wrytynge & seele: Thes beynge wytnes, as hyt is shewyd in the confermacion ther-of.

* leaf IIII or 16, back. A.D. 1221.

[871.] * An ordynaunce I-made by hugh bysshop of lincoln*e* of our churchys, wycombe, bloxh*a*m, & seynt Gylys.

Ordinance by Hugh of Wells, bishop of Lincoln (1209-34), by authority of the Lateran Council (1215), of vicars in the churches of Wycombe, Bloxham, and * leaf V or 17. St. Giles', Oxford. In Wycombe, the vicar is to have a lodging, half of the ordinary offerings, and most of the small tithe. [fuller's teasel.]

THE sentence of thys dede is that Hugh, Busshop of lincolne, ordeynyd, by the autorite of the councel, in the churchys of Wycombe, Bloxh*a*m, & of seynt Gylys *with*-out Oxenford, admittid, & set in hem so ordeynyd, perpetual vicarys at the p*re*sentacion of the wellouyd dowhtyrs in crist the Abbas of Godstowe[1] & of hyr Mynchyns. The forseyd vicaragys byn sette & ordeynyd in thys maner:—that is to say,

that the perpetual vicar of wycombe shall haue, in the name of hys vicary, a dwellynge-place assynyd to hym vppon the west syde of the hows of the Abbas of Godstowe; the half of all offerynges & vayles of the * auter, *with* all the tethe of chese & all the eggys comynge forth to the churche in the vigil of hestur[2], & all tethes of gese & all the tethys of gardeynys & orchardys *with*-in [the borowe](except and out-take the offrynge*s* & the vaylys of fowre days by the yere, that is to say, of Candylmes-day[3], Goodfryday, Hesturday[2], & Holy rode day in heruyst[4]; & out-take all tethys of wolle, flex, lambys, pigge, & calues whenne a hole calfe comyth forth; & out-take all frute*s* of gardynys & of orchardys *with*-out the borowe, & all tethe of[5] tesyls that longyn to the office of fullers, bothe *with*-in the towne, & also *with*-out the towne; out-take also all eggys comynge to the p*ro*fit of the seyd churche, saue vppon hestur[2] eve; & except alle offryng of candel thorowe the yere, save the

[1] '⊔ for þ^e vicar of Wycombe,' in margin.

[2] The 'h' is erased. There are also many instances of 'h' being erased in this way, in words which elsewhere begin with the erased letter.

[3] Purificatio B. V. M., 2 Febr.

[4] Exaltacio Crucis, 14 Sept.

[5] The Latin is: 'carduorum qui ad officium fullonum pertinent.'

candel that is browht forthe *with*[1] the holy love in the sonneday to the auter, The whyche, aⁿ a-boue except & out-take, shuⁿ longe & be hole to the Abbas & Mynchyns of Godstowe.

Godstow to have all other tithes and offerings.

Furthermore, the *per*petual[2] vicar of the churche of Bloxham shal haue, in the name of hys vicariage, aⁿ the auterage of that churche & of the chapel of Myddylcombe, except the tethys of wolle & of lambys of the modur-churche of Bloxham; he shaⁿ haue also the corn that is wonyd to be gyf I-thresshe to the seyd churche of Bloxham & chapelle of Myddylcombe, the whyche is callyd cherset[3]; & he shaⁿ haue a place that is set by-twene the place that was of pagane Berforde & the place that was of william Colman.

In Bloxham, the vicar is to have the offerings and most of the small tithes of Bloxham & Milcomb, 'churchscot,' and a lodging.

The *per*petual vicar of seynt Gylys in Oxenford shaⁿ haue, in the name[4] of hys vicariage, half of aⁿ the auterage of that churche, *with* alle the tethys of gardynys, except wolle, & flex, & lambys, & except candyl vppon candylmes day, the whyche the seyd mynchyns shul haue stylle. Furthermore, he shal haue a dwellynge-place, where the chapleyne of the churche was wonyd to dwelle, for the whyche the vicar shal pay to the same churche vj. d. yerly.

In St. Giles', Oxford, the vicar is to have half the offerings, most of the small tithes, and a lodging.

In these thre vicariag*es* thys wyse ordeynyd, the forseyd mynchyns shul bere aⁿ burduns ordynarie dewe & wonyd of tho thre seyd churchys, out-take dewteys þat longyn to the seyne, the whyche the vicarys shul pay. Also aⁿ the vicaryes[5], al so sone as they byn admittyd to the forseyd churchys, they shul make to the mynchons a-fore-myndyd an othe to be trewe. Also the chapleynys, in case that the fore seyd vicarys take ony vn-to theyre helpe for to do seruise in the forseyd churchys, shul swere also a-fore the vicaryes, & a-fore the procutur of the mynchons, the whyche the seyd mynchons wyllen to sende, that the for-seyd vicaryes & chapellaynys shul be trewe to the Mynchons a-fore-rehersyd, al so longe as they a-bydyn there in the forseyde churchys seruynge, in tho thyng*es* that towchyn & be dewe to the Mynchons a-fore seyde, sauynge in aⁿ cases the bysshopys ryht & dewt*es*, & the dignite of the churche

These vicars, and their deputies, must take oath of loyalty to Godstow.

[1] 'praeter candelam que pervenit die dominica ad altare cum pane benedicendo.'

[2] '⁊ for the vicar of bloxham,' in margin.

[3] 'Cherecheset,' in the Latin copy.

[4] '⁊ for þe vicar of seynt gylys,' in margin.

[5] '⁊ & take heede for þ^e hoth of þ^e vicars & chapeleyns,' in margin = oath.

of lincolne. And in-to wytnes of thys he put to hys seal: & the date was the xij. yere of hys bysshopryche.

[General Charters:—2. By the Sovereign.]

* leaf II or 14. A. D. 113$\frac{8}{9}$

[872.] * **The confirmacion of kynge Stephyn of all thynges byfore rehersyd.**

Confirmation by King Stephen, of no. 4, with full manorial rights.

The sentence of thys chartur is, how Stephyn kynge yeuyth & confermithe to the seyd Mynchyns & her successours of God- 4 stowe all the yftys, landis & possessions, rentys, tenwrs, that byn rehersyd in the next dede a-fore, that begynnyth **Alexander,** in pure quiet fre & in perpetual almys from all seculer seruice[1] & customis, and her courtys to be holde with sok 8 & sake, tol & team, with infange & outfange * theyf, as worsheply & frely as eny chyrche in englond or bettur or freer may holde in all thynges.

* leaf II or 14, back.

[Note.—In the Exchequer MS., on a leaf of the table of contents, an annotator has noted, from '*William* de Shareshulle' [C. J. K. B., 1350–7], that *socha* is 'secta curiae,' i. e. a lord's right to attendance of his tenants at his court and to try their causes in it; '*sacha*' is 'amerciamentum tenentium,' i. e. a lord's right to retain to his own use the fines imposed in his court; *toll* is 'taxatio[2] nativorum ad voluntatem Domini, Anglicè scuse vel yelde'; *team* is a lord's right to retain in serfdom the issue of his serfs; *infangethef* is a lord's right to take cognisance, at the suit of the injured party, of thefts committed within his demesne if the thief be taken within the demesne, *cum manuopere* (mainour or manour, i. e. the stolen goods) found in the thief's possession, but if the thief is not indicted within three days, both he and the mainour shall be handed over to the king's gaol. *Outfangethef* is not explained. Cowell's *Interpreter* (1607) makes it a 'priviledge, whereby a lord is inabled to call any man dwelling within his owne fee, and taken for felonie in any other place, and to judge him in his owne court.' In the valuation (Escheat 14 Edw. III. 67, no. 2), 10 April, 1340, of the Castle and Manor of Fotheringhay, Northts., note is made that the manor possessed 'Infangenthef et Outfangenthef,' but 'nichil valent per annum eo quod magis cadunt in onere quam in aliquo alio valore,' i. e. they are burdens, not sources of profit. Outfange-theyf is absent from most charters of Godstow; and its mention here, and on p. 658, is probably due to a clerical error. It was a power rarely conferred.]

* leaf III or 15. About 1142.

[873.] * **A chartur of the feyre of Godstowe, I-made by dame Molde the emperyse.**

Confirmation to Godstow,

Thys Chartur makyth mension how that the emperice Mald 12 hath graunt in perpetual almys that the Mynchyns of Godstowe

[1] '¶ Yowre fredomys in alle placis,' in margin.

[2] Otherwise explained in Oseney Register, no. 10.

mowe hold & haue hēr feyre there at the fest of seynt Iohū Baptist & iij. days[1] aftur, commaundynge to haue[2] pese & rest to alle men that wolle com & goo for hem & alle her marchaundes, and no dystrubylauns vnryhtfully vpon hem be made, in payne of forfetynge of x. ℔. by empress Maud, of the fair at Godstow on June 24 and two next days, with protection to traders.

[Note.—The Exchequer MS. shows that the charter was given at Oxford. The witnesses were [Nigel] bishop of Ely (1133–69), William [Fitzgilbert] chancellor (1142), and Robert (Consul), earl of Gloucester (1109–47). The date was probably the summer of 1142, before the siege of Oxford Castle by Stephen, Sept.–Dec. 1142.]

[874.] * A Charter of Moolde the Emperesse confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe lij. *shillings* vj. d. in Shillyngworthe, & *cetera*. * leaf 162. About 1143.

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde, the Emperesse, willed to be know to henry her sone, and to the bisshop of lyncolne, Erles, and Barons, and to alle her trew men, frenssh and Englissh, bothe at that tyme and in tyme to be, in Oxenfordeshire, that she, for the love of god and for the sowles of her fadir and modir and for her owne helth and of her childreñ and astate of the Reame of Englond, yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe, into perpetuel almesse, lij. *shillings* vj. d. of lond in Shillyngford; And an hundred shelyngworth of lond at Waltoñ, the which kynge Stephyñ yaf to the same place. And because that she willed hit to be sure, She willed and comaunded surely that the mynchons of the abouesaid place shold haue and hold tho londis wele fully and pesibly frely worshipfully and quyetly, as hit is I-said, for euer, these beyng witnes. Confirmation to Godstow, by empress Maud, of the estates at Shillingford (no. 716, 718) and at Walton (in no. 4).

[Note.—At Devises. Witnesses:—Herebert, chaplain (of Godstow); [Robert] earl of Gloucester; Milo of Gloucester; Brian fitz-count.]

[875.] * A Charter of Moolde the Emperesse, I-made to the mynchons of Godestowe, for ij. hydes and j. half and half a yerde of londe in Shillyngforde, and for an C. shillyngworth of londe in Waltoñ. * leaf 161, back. About 1143.

Moolde the Emperesse willed to be know to henry her sone, Archebisshopis, Bisshopis, Abbottis, Erles, Barons, Iustices, Sherefis, Mynystres, and to alle her trew men frenssh and Englissh of alle Englond, that she, for the love of god and the Confirmation to Godstow, by empress Maud,

[1] In error for 'ij. days.'

[2] '¶agaynst þe distrobulers of the feyere, the peyne,' in the margin.

[Geoffrey V of Anjou conquered Normandy, Jan. 1143.]

sowles of hemy her fadir, kyng of Englond, and of her modir Moolde, quene, and for the helthe of her owne sowle and the welthe of her husbond and lord Geffrey duke of Normandie and erle of Aunge, and of her childreñ, yaf and graunted, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther *seruyng* god, the lond of Shillyngford, that is to sey, ij. hydes and an half and half a yerde that Raaf vicounte helde for lij. *shillings* vj. d; and an C. shillyngworth of lond in Walton for *euer*, in *per*petuel almesse, as she had hit whan she was I-segid at Oxenford. And therfor she willed and comaunded surely that the lady of the abouesaid place shold hold and haue the londis and her lond of Eatoñ, and all other londis longyng to her chirch, wele and pesibly, frely quyetly and worshipfully, in medys and in wat*ers*, in fedyngis, and in wode and playne, and Mylles, and all other thynges and fre customes and fredoms, w*i*th sok and sak, tol and theum, Infangtheef, and of hundred and danegolde and all yelde and all quarels and exaccions fre and quyte, as ony cherch in Englond held best most fre and quyte ther possessions, that no man do in ony thyng to them wronge or dispyte. And she toke that house and all thyngis that longed to hit in her honde, kepyng, and *pro*teccioñ, evene as her fadir and she had I-*founded hit, and hit had be of ther owne almesse. And that hit shold be sure, & *cetera*.

of Shillingford (no. 716, 718); Walton (in no. 4); [Siege = Sept.–Dec. 1142.] Eaton near Cricklade (no. 847), with full manorial perquisites and jurisdiction.

* leaf 162.

[Note.—At Devises. Witnesses :—Robert, earl of Gloucester ; Milo (de Gloucester), earl of Hereford ; Brian fitz-count ; Humphrey de Bohun. This and the next charter involve a difficulty of date. Geoffrey of Anjou is styled Duke of Normandy, a title not assumed till April, 1144, but Milo of Gloucester, one of the witnesses, was killed 24 Dec. 1143.]

About 1143.

[876.] A Charter of Moolde the Empresse, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe, ij. hydes and j. half and half an Acre[1] of lond, [held at] lij. *shillings* vj. d; an hundred shillyngworth of lond in Walton; a fysshe-were in Charwelle, and water; and all the tythe of all frutis of Wodestok; and the fayres that durith iij. dayes at Godstowe.

Confirmation to Godstow,

The sentence of this charter is, that Moolde the Empresse willed to be know to her sone kyng[2], Archebisshoppis, Bisshopis,

[1] Read 'half a yerde.'

[2] The Latin is : 'M. Imperatrix, r. Henr. fil., Archiepiscopis' etc., i. e. regis Henrici filia.' The translator has wrongly expanded it to 'regi Henrico filio.'

Abbottis, erles, Barons, Iusticis, Sherefis, Mynysters, and to all her trew men, Frenssh and Englissh, of all Englond, that she, for the loue of god, and for the sowles of her fadir, kyng henry of Englond, and of her modir Moolde, quene, and the helth of her owne sowle, and the welthe of her lord Geffrey, duke of Normandie and heire[1] of Aunge, and of her childrem, yaf and graunted into perpetuel almesse, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god, ij. hides and an half, and half a yerde lond, that Raaf Scribe held by yere for lij. *shillings* vj. d., with medys and pasturis; and an hundred shillyngworth of lond in Waltom, al so holy all as they had hit whan she was I-segid at Oxenford; and a fysshwere[2] in Charewell, and water, with ther pertynentis also with medis and pastures; and all the tythe of all frutis of Wodestoke; and the Feyris, the which dure iij. dayes fully at Godestowe, at the birth of Seynt Iohn Baptist, And she comaunded surely that all they that come to the faires shold haue there sure pease, and all ther goodes, in comyng, tariyng, and goynge ayene, that no man distrouble vnrightfully them or ther goodes: wherfor she willed and comaunded surely that the forsaid chirche of Godestowe and the mynchons shold haue and hold, wele and in pease, tho londes, and ther lond of Eatom; and Wyke in portmanneit, the which the Citezens of Oxenford yaf to them; and the chirch of seynt Gyle beside Oxenford, the which Ailwym fitz Godegose yaf to them; and ther mylle that is I-called boiem[i]ln, with medis pasturis and londis and other pertynentis; and all other londis perteynyng to ther chirch, in * perpetuel almesse, and all maner other thyngis I-gete by the yifte of god, with alle fredoms and fre customs, with soke and sak, tol and theam, and infangenthef, wele and in pease, frely and worshipfully, vttirly, quyetly, and fre fro shire, hundred, and gelde, and danegelde, and pleys, and helpis, and assises, and scuagis, fro murther thefte and all gelde, also all quarels or playntis and exaccions and all other thynges; that no man do to them wronge or greef in ony thynge. For the forsaid chirche of Godestowe and the mynchons ther seruyng god and all ther goodes and possessions and

by empress Maud,

of land at Shillingford (as in no. 875);
of land in Walton (as in no. 875);
of a fishery in Cherwell, with attached meadow-strips (no. 540);
of tithe of fruit of Woodstock;
of the fair at Godstow (no. 873);
of Watereaton, Wiltshire (no. 847);
of Wyke near Oxford (in no. 4);
of St. Giles', Oxford (in no. 4);
* leaf 162, back.
of Boy-mill, with attached meadows (in no. 4):
all with full manorial rights, and exemptions from royal taxes.

[1] In error for 'erle.' Latin is: 'et comitis Andegavensis.'
[2] Latin is: 'piscaria in Chiarewell.'

ther men and aⁿ thyngis that longe to them were more specially in her owne honde, *pro*teccioⁿ, and kepyng, than ony other. These beyng, & *cetera*.

[Note.—The witnesses are Bernard, bishop of St. David's (1115–47); Robert, earl of Gloucester; Milo, earl of Hereford; Brian fitz-count; Humphrey de Bohun. Maud withdrew to Normandy, Nov. 1145.]

* leaf III or 15. About 1154.

[877.] * a chartur of kynge henri fit$_3$ emperyse of Walton & delingyscrofte.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, of their lands in Walton and Shillingford (as in no. 874).

Thys chartur makyth mensyon how kynge Henry wrote a commandment to the shyryf of Oxenford-shyre that he sholᵈ do & make the Mynchyns of Godstowe to hold & haue in pese, frely & quietly in *per*petual almys, herᵉ lond of walton and delinge*s*croft, the whyche my modyr the emperice hathᵇ gyf & graunt; & is *with*-out date.

Note.—'Delingys-crofte' is an error of the translator. In the Latin the initial letter is plainly 'S', the end of the word is indistinct: 'Selingeft'= Shillingford. Henry II succeeded 25 Oct. 1154; the precept was perhaps sent out before his departure for England, Dec. 1154.]

* leaf 185. 1156.

[878.] * A Confirmacioⁿ of kynge Henry Fit$_3$ Emperesse, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, of— (1) the island in which the nunnery stands; (2) Godstow, i.e. the site of the abbey church (no. 3), (3) land at Shillingford (no. 716); (4) land at Walton (in no. 4); (5) tithes of the fruits of Woodstock (no. 876); (6) Godstow fair, for three full days, with protection to traders (no. 873);

The sentence of this confirmacioⁿ is, that Henry, kyng of Englondᵉ, & *cetera*, graunted and confermedᵉ, into perpetuellᵉ almesse, to godᵉ & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng godᵉ, the londᵉ and the place in the whichᵉ the chirche was I-founded, and aⁿ the yiftis that were I-do to them; And of the yifte of Raynoldᵉ of Seynt Walerye, the place that is I-calledᵉ Godestowe, in the whichᵉ ther chirchᵉ was I-founded; Of the yifte of the Empresse and his, the londᵉ of Shillyngfordᵉ, that is to sey, ij. hydes and an halfᵉ [and half] a yerde-londᵉ, *with* medis and pastures, the whichᵉ Raaf Scribe heldᵉ for two and fifty shillyngis and Sixe pens by yere; And an hundredᵉ shillyngworthᵉ of londᵉ in Waltonᵉ, as they hadᵉ hit whan the Em*per*esse was I-seged in Oxenfordᵉ; And aⁿ the tythes of aⁿ the frutes of wodestoke; And the faires, the whichᵉ sholᵈ dure thre fulle dayes, at Godestow, at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, And comaundedᵉ surely *þat*

all they that come to tho fayres sholde haue ther sure pease and all ther goodes in comyng and goyng alwey, that no man wrongfully distrouble them nother ther goodes; Of the yifte of Reynold of seynt * Walerye, the mylle of Wolgarecote, and one Fyssh-were that is called the kyngis were, and medys that ben called heryngis-ham, Boie-ham, and liches-ey, And the lond that lieth bitwene the two watirs, And half a mede that is I-called lambeye; And another half parte of the same mede, of the yifte of Robert Doylle, And one busshell of whete of the mylles that ben vndir the Castell of Oxenford yerely to be paid; Of the yifte of Alisaundre, bisshop of lyncolne, an hundred shillyngworth by yere of the Tolle of Bannebury; of the yifte of Robert, Bisshop of Exetir, xl. *shillings* yerely to be paid, that is to sey, xx. *shillings* of the chirche of farendon, And xx. *shillings* of the chirche of oure lady in Gloucestre; Of the yifte of Robert, Erle of leycester, thre poundeworth of lond in Halso; Of the yifte of Reynolde, the sone of the Erle, and Emelyne his wyf, and of his heires, Eton, with [all] that longith therto; Of the yifte of Raaf Bloet, and of his modir and of his bretheren [the church[1] of] Dantesburne, with the londes and all his pertynentis; Of the yifte of Symond wadhill, half of the chirch of Patishille; Of the yifte of Symond[2] Spensere, the tithe of Rollendrith; Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hyde of lond in Rysyndon; Of the yifte of Richard Baanc, all the dowrye of his modir, that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his predecessours had in possession, that is to sey v. hides, And cnolle and Swanton, with all ther pertynentis; Of the yifte of Arnulphe Bolde, the lond that is I-called Sanford; Of the yifte of Roger Dalmary, fyfty acres in Blechesdon; Of the yifte of walter Pery, in the same towne, one yerde of londe and x. acres; Of the yifte of hugh of Tywe, ix. shillyngworth of lond in Oxenford; Of the yifte of the Citezeyns of Oxenford, the wyke the which Sagryne held, in portmanheyt beside Oxenford; Of the yifte of Ambrose fitz Gerolde, v. shillyngworth of rent in wynchestir; Of the yifte of Eylwyne fitz Godegose the chirch of seynt Gyle beside Oxenford; Of the yifte of Baldewyn

(7) Wolvercote mill, King's-weir, 3 meads, the * leaf 185, back. island, half Lambey (772); (8) half Lambey, and dole from Oxford Castle mills (no. 512); (9) rent-charge on Banbury market (285); (10) pensions in churches of Farringdon and St. Mary-le-Crypt, Gloucester (nos. 207, 163); (11) land in Halso (no. 269); (12) Watereaton (no. 847); (13) Duntisbourne church, (no. 154); (14) moiety of Pattishall church (no. 4); (15) tithe in Rollright (no. 713); (16) land in Rissington, (no. 186); (17) Hodycote, Knoll, and Swanton (232); (18) Sandford, Wilts.; (19) 50 acres in Bletchingdon (nos. 287, 288); (20) yardland in Bletchingdon (no. 290); (21) Hugh of Tew's rent-charge in Oxford (513); (22) Wyke, near Oxford (no. 4); (23) Ambrose fitz Gerald's rent-charge in Winchester; (24) St. Giles' Church, Oxford (no. 4);

[1] Added from the Latin (Exchequer MS. leaf 164). [2] Read 'Thomas.'

(25) Baldwin fitz Ingeret's rent-charge (11*s.*) in East-cheap, London;

with full manorial jurisdiction;

* leaf 186.

and exemption from royal taxes.

fitz Ingeret, in londō in Estchepe, xj. shillyngworth of lond: wherfor he willed and comaunded that the forsaid Chirche, and mynchons ther *ser*uyng god, shold have and hold, into *per*petuell almesse, all these aforsaid thyngis, and all other that have ben gote by the yifte of god, with all liberteis and free customs, with soke and sake, tol and team, and Infangenthief, wele *and in pease, frely and worshipfully, and vttirly quyte fro Shire and hundred, pleys and helpis, assises and yelde, danegelde and Scuage, fro Murther and Theft, and all yelde and all other thynges, that no man shold do them wronge ne greef in ony thynge. For the forsaid chirche of Godestowe, and the mynchons ther servyng god, and all ther goodes and possessions, and ther men, most[1] specially thenne all other in Englond, shold be in his owne hande, protection, and kepyng, Them*per*ice his modir beyng Witnesse, & *cetera*.

[Note.—Although put second in the Register the preceding charter is the earliest in date. It was given at Rouen, probably in 1156, at the time of his first French visit. The witnesses are :—Maud, his mother (died 1167); Philip, bishop of Baieux; Arnulph, bp. of Lisieux; Thomas (Becket), chancellor (1154-62); Robert de Novoburgo; Richard de Humez, constable; Warin fitz-Gerald, chamberlain; Manasses Biset, dapifer; and Robert de dunest.]

* leaf 184. About 1165.

[879.] * Here begynneth[2] the Carters of kyng henry fitz Empresse, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, taking Godstow under his special protection, of (stated in a different order) the properties mentioned in no. 878;

*leaf 184, back.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry, kyng of Englond duke of Normandye and Erle of Angye, willed to be know to Archebisshoppis, Bisshoppis, Erles, Barons, Iusticis, Sherifis, Mynystres, and his trewe men, Frenssh and Englissh, of all Englond, that the monastery of oure lady blissed marye the virgyne and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestow, and the abbesse and the holy mynchons of the same place, and all þere possessiō and goodes, and ther men, wher-so-ever they be, they beō in myne honde and kepyng and in my protectiō: that is to sey, the Ile in the whiche the monastery is I-founded with the londis therto; the lond * or grounde that is I-called Godestowe, with his appendauntis or mansions; The mylle of wolgarecote,

[1] Read 'more': cp. 654/1.
[2] Put first in the Register, but certainly second in order of time.

with his appendauntis; ij. dwellyng placis or mansions in wolgarecote, with his *per*tynentis; The Ile that lieth bitwene þe two watirs afore the yate of the monastery, the which is I-called' licheseyt; thre medys, that is to sey, Boyham[1], Lichesham, Heryngesham; one Fysshewere in the Themyse with his appendauntis; A mede that is I-called' lambeye, and one bussheH of whete by all yeris to be paid' of the mylle vndir the CasteH of Oxenford'; The chirche of seynt Gyle with-out Oxenford'; Fyve hide lond' in Sigeresham[2]; in walton, C. hundred'[3] shillyngworth of lond'; in the fest of the birthe of Seynt Iohn Baptist, Faire of thre dayes of Godestowe; Eton, with alle his *per*tynentis; In halso, thre pounde worthe of lond'; the lond' that is I-called' the wyke, in portmanheyt; what-so-ever right and all þat they had' in the chirch of patishulle; In Oxenford', nyne shillyngworthe of lond'; with-oute the north gate, Sevene shillyngworth of lond'; In Rysyndon, j hyde of lond'; In Blechesdon, fyfty acres, and j. yerde lond', and ten acris; in knolle[4], londe that is I-called' Sanford'; beside Godestowe, parte of a mede the which Robert of Wytham yaf; The chirche of Dantesborne; with-oute the South-yate of Oxenford', one mansion that Eylwyne fitz Godegose yaf, with the *per*tynentis; In wynchester, fyve shillyngworth of lond'; In[5] the towne that is I-called' Shillyngford'; the right in the tythes of Rollendrith; In the chirch of Farendon, xx. *shillings* by eu*e*ry yere; And of the chirche of our lady of Gloucestre, xx. *shillings* by eu*e*ry yere to be paid'; The towne that is I-called' Pery[6] and all the right*es* of the same towne in all thyngis; In Oxenford', the lond' that Walter Pery yaf; Of the yifte of Richard' Labaanc, all the dowry of his modir, that is to sey, cnolle and swanton, the whiche *per*teyneth to the same, and hodicote al so moche as his *pre*decesso*urs* possessed', that

(26) two houses in Wolvercote (cp. no. 770 and 774);

(27) Sigeresham (?);

(28) 7*s.* rent-charge outside North Gate of Oxford; (29) in Knowle, land called Sandford (no. 231); (30) Robert of Wytham's meadow (no 32); (31) Eilwyn son of Godgose's gift outside South Gate of Oxford; (32) Perry (?); (33) Walter of Perry's land in Oxford;

[1] Latin has 'Boi-ham.' At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow owned (*Monast.* iv. 370) 'Beynam' (? in error for Boy-ham), 5 acres, valued at 2*s.* 4*d.* an acre; as also Great Ham (4 acres) and Little Ham (2 acres) in Wolvercote mead, which, as being common after the first hay (*vestura*) was removed, were valued at only 1*s.* 8*d.* an acre. They are, no doubt, the two 'hams' mentioned here with Boy-ham.

[2] So also in the Latin copy, but either in error or descriptive of property afterwards alienated. It is neither Shillingford nor Swanton, which are both mentioned in this confirmation.

[3] *Sic*, repeated by a slip.

[4] Latin 'Cnolla.' Possibly this is the same as no. 878, § 18.

[5] Omit 'In.' It is an error in translation.

[6] So also in the Latin, but how did it come? Perhaps in error for Walter of Perry's gift in Bletchingdon (no. 290).

(34) 'Blechesworth' mill; (35) Boymill (no. 4); (36) tithe of Sewcourt mills, with * leaf 185. a meadow (no. 25); (37) Clare prevet, Hampshire (no. 216); (38) Combo mill (no. 861); (39) land near St. Martin's church, London: with full manorial rights.

is to sey, fyve hydes of lond' frely and quyetly fro all seculer service, with all ther pertynentis; The mylle of Blechesworth[1], of the yifte of Roger bisshop of Salisbury, The mylle that is I-called' Boiemylle, with the londis and all his pertynentis; beside Oxenford'; the tythes of the mylles of Sewcourte, with the mede I-called' the hert[2]; the lond' of Clare prevet * by name; the mylle of Cumbe, with all that longith therto; In londoñ, in Estchepe xij. shillyngworth[3] of lond'; In londoñ by seynt Martyne chirch, in soca of the bisshop, vj. shillyngworth of lond': All these thyngis resonably purchased', and all other thyngis resonably I-goteñ to the forsaid' chirche and to the holy mynchons ther servyng god', he willed' that they shold' be to the same chirche and to the holy mynchons he confermed', Also surely comaundyng that they shold' hold', wele and in pease, frely and quyetly and worshipfully, with tol and team, soke and sak, Infangen-thef and out-fangenthief, and with all other customs and liberteis with the which ony chirch and almesse was I-hold' in Englond' most freist quyetyliest and best. And they, that is to sey, the Archebisshop and bisshoppis, & *cetera*, shold' kepe and maynteyne them, and all there goodes, as they loved' hym, that is to sey, the kyng, evyne as that chirche that kyng henry his grauntesire founded' and furthered' and gretly loued', and his modir the Emperesse afterward', And he hym-self gretly loued', And not suffre that ony man did' to them wronge or greef in ony thynge: for yf ony did' gretly, hit shold' hevy hym gretly. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Protection of Godstow, as being a convent founded by Henry I, furthered by Maud empress, and loved by Henry II.

[Note.—Eyton gives April 1157 as the date of the foregoing charter. The witnesses are: Rodbert (de Bellomont, second) earl of Leicester (1118-68); Richard de Canuill.; Warin, son of Gerold; Henry son of Ger.: apud Lundias. Warin fitz-Gerald died about end of 1157.]

[Some minor Charters of Henry II.]

[Note.—It is impossible to fix the dates of the following charters from the evidence available. No. 880 was given at Oxford; witness, Roger, the king's chaplain. Nos. 881 and 882 were given at Woodstock; witness, Richard, archdeacon of Poitiers. No. 883 was given at Woodstock; witness, Richard de Humez, constable. No. 884, at Woodstock; witness, John Cumin.]

[1] Latin has 'Bcheswurth.' This property has not been identified.
[2] Read 'heit.'
[3] xxis. in the Latin.

[880.] *A Charter of kyng henry fitz Empresse for the Ferry of Godestowe in the Faire tyme, & *cetera*. * leaf 187, back. About 1165.

* leaf 188. * The sentence of this charter is, that henry, by the grace of god kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, comaunded to all maner of men that they shold maynteyne kepe and defende all marchaundis comyng to the Faire of thre fulle dayes at the Natiuite of Seynt Iohn Baptist at Godestowe, So that they shold do to them no wronge nother greef, nothere they shold not suffre that they were I-troubled, but they shold haue sure pease in doyng there customs. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Protection to Godstow, by Henry II, of traders coming to the fair (as in n o. 873).

[881.] A charter of kyng henry for tol, passage, and poundage þurgh Englond. About 1165.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry, kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, charged that the mynchons of Godestowe, and all ther goodis the which ther men may swere to be ther owne, shold be quyte fro tol, passage, and pountage, and all custome thurgh all his lond of Englond; and he forbede that no man shold distrouble them wrongfully, vndir the payne of x. li. These beyng Witnesse, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Henry II, of exemption from highway dues.

[882.] A Charter of the same kyng forbedyng þat no man hold ther bondmen. About 1165.

The sentence of this charter is that henry, kyng, & *cetera*, charged alle manere statis and mynysters that they rightfully *with*-out delaye shold make and haue to the mynchons of Godestowe all ther natifs or bondemen or fugitifs with ther catallis, where-so-euer they were I-founde in ther baillifshippis, that flowe fro them aftir the deth of kyng Henry his graunt-sire. And he forbode that no man shold hold them, vndir the peyne of x. li. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

Grant to Godstow, by Henry II, of powers to recover all serfs who have become fugitives from their lands since 1135.

[883.] A charter protectorie for the mynchons of Godestow and all ther goodis. About 1170.

The sentence of this charter is that Henry, kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, charged to[1] all statis and to the baillifs of Gloucestre that they sholde maynteyne, kepe, and defende the londis and

Protection to Godstow, by Henry II,

[1] 'to the sheriff,' in Latin copy.

against Robert of Slaughter, and all others.

men and all goodes of the holy mynchons of Godestowe, not suffryng Robert Selothire[1] or other [to] vexe them or ther men or ther seruauntis wrongfully of londis or pasturis or other goodis in his baillyf-shippis or to do them wronge or greef. And yf ony man do to them wronge or greef, with-out ony delay they shold make to them hit to be amended. And yf they did hit not, his Iusticis shold do hit, that he herde no more clamoure for defaute of right and Iustice beryng. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 188, back. About 1170.

[884.] * **Another charter, that they shold not be impleyd with, but in the kyngis Courte, for her tenuris and possessions, & *cetera*.**

Privilege to Godstow, by Henry II, that they may not be sued about lands held by them except in the royal courts.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry, by the grace of god, & *cetera*, comaunded to all Sherifs, baillifs and mynystris in whos bailly-wykis the mynchons of Godestowe helde all theire tenuris and all theire tenementis, that they shold hold hem wele and in pease, and they shold not be pleyd of ony of theire tenement but afore hym or his Iusticis. For the forsaid mynchons and all theire possessions were in his honde and kepyng and protecciõ: witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 186. About 1175.

[885.] * **A Confirmaciõ of kyng henry fitz Emperesse, for all almesse and all maner thyngis that were I-yeve or shold be yeve to the mynchons of Godestowe, & *cetera*.**

General confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, of all their property.

The sentence of this charter is that henry, kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, graunted, and confermed with this present charter, to the mynchons of Godestowe, all the almesse, in chirches and londes and tythes and in alle other thyngis, that were resonably I-yeve to them or shold be yeve. Wherfor he willed and comaunded surely that the forsaid mynchons shold haue and holde all ther almesse and possessions, bothe of chirch [and[2] lay] fee, [in[2] wood and plain, in meadows and pastures, in waters] and mylles, in pondis and maryse[3], in weyes and pathis, and in all other placis and other thyngis perteynyng to

[1] Probably questioning Godstow title to lands at Rissingdon, see no. 190.
[2] Added from the Latin copy. [3] 'in vivariis et mariscis.'

them, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly, holy and worshipfully, with all fredoms and fre customs. Witnesse thise, *& cetera.*

[Note.—Directed to 'all archbishops,' &c. Witnesses are:—G[eoffrey Ridel], bishop of Ely [1174–89]; Hugh [Pudsey], bishop of Durham [1153–95]; and G[eoffrey Plantagenet], bishop elect of Lincoln [1173]; Walter, archdeacon of Oxford; Roger, the king's chaplain; Richard de Luci; Reginald de Curtenai; &c. The explanation of this charter, as of its immediate predecessors, may be that Godstow felt the need of additional protection for lands acquired since no. 879; and so we are led on to the next charter, which enumerates by name both the old properties and those lately acquired.]

[886.] * A Confirmacion of kyng henry fitz Emperesse confermyng all maner of yiftis afore I-yove, & *cetera.*

* leaf 186. About 1182.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry II, at its re-foundation as a royal abbey, of the properties mentioned in no. 878 and no. 879, and, in addition to them, of [Ceremony of the silken cloth: no. 5.] (40) Wycombe church (no. 87); (41) Bloxham * leaf 186, back. church (no. 306); (42) cow-house and pasture at Pattishall;

Henry[1], by the grace of god kyng of Englond, graunted and with his charter confermed, into *per*petuel almesse, to god & *cetera* and to the mynchons of Godestowe there servyng god, the towne of wolgarecote and the place in the which the chirch was I-founded and all the yiftes that were I-made to them, that is to sey, of his yifte, the towne of wolgarecote and the place that is I-called Godestowe in the which the chirch was I-founded, with the assent and graunte of Bernard of Seynt Walerye and of his heires, the which, that is to sey, Bernarde of Seynt Walerye yaf the forsaid towne and the forsaid place and graunted hit to kyng henry and seisyned hym (by a silken cloth, wherof was a chesible I-made) with the lordship and the right of the Avowery of the same Abbey that he had afore in hit, So that the forsaid abbey shold be free for ever, and in chief of his crowne, as the Abbey of Seynt Edmond and other riall Abbeyes that ben I-sette in Englond; Also of his yifte, the chirch of wycombe, with all his * *per*tynentis; And the chirche of Bloxham, with all his *per*tynentis; Also of his yifte, the vicariage[2] of Patishulle, with the pasture, as he had hit in his owne hande; And the londe of Clare by name prevet, the which he bought of Manasse Sandevyle[3] for xxv. mark; Of

[1] The Latin text in the *Monasticon*, iv. 364, is from the Inspeximus of Richard I.

[2] A slip of the translator. Latin is 'vaccaria de Pautheshale cum pastura,' a cow-house. See no. 902, § xxxvii.

[3] 'Sannerville.'

the yifte of the Empresse and his, the lond of Shillyngford, that is to sey, ij. hydes and j. half yerde, with medys and pasturis, the which Raaf Scribe helde for lij. *shillings* vj. d by yere; and an hundred shillyngworthe of londe in Waltoñ, as they had hit whan the Empresse was I-seged in Oxenford;

(43) fishery in Cherwell, with adjacent meads (no. 540);

And a fisshewere[1] in Charewelle watir, with medis, and pastures, and all ther *per*tynentis; And all the tythe of all the frutis of wodestok,; And the faieris that shold dure thre fulle dayes, at Godestowe, at the Natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, And he comaunded surely that all they that come to tho faires shold have there sure pease in comyng and goyng away, that no man distrouble[2] wrongfully them nother theire goodes; Of the yifte of Raynold of seynt Walery, the mylle of Wolgarecote, and one fysshwere that is I-called the kyngiswere, and the medys that ben called Heryngesham, Boiehm, and Licheseye, and the lond that lieth bitwene the two watirs, and half a mede that is I-called Lambeye; And the other half of the same mede, of the yifte of Robert Doylle; Of the yifte of Alisaundre, bisshop of lyncolne, an hundred shillyngis by yere of the tolle of Banbury; Of the yifte of Bernard of Seynt Walerye, a mede that is I-called Pekeseye[3], And to mowe the same mede iiij. *shillings* by yere at the fest of seynt Iohn Baptist (ij. *shillings* in Erdyntoñ and ij. *shillings* in lye[4]); Of the yifte of Robert, Bisshop of Exetir, xl. *shillings* by yere to be paid, that is to sey, xx. *shillings* in the chirche of Farendoñ, and xx. *shillings* in the chirche of our lady of Gloucestire; Of the yifte of Robert, Erle of leycetire, thre poundeworth of lond in Halso; Of the yifte of Amye, Countesse, his wyf, and with the graunte of hym, ij. marke by yere, one in Brakley and another in farnyngho; Of the yifte of Raynold, the Erles sone, and of Emelyne his wyf, and his heires, Eatoñ, with alle his *per*tynentis; Of the yifte of Symond Wadhille, half of the chirche of Patishulle; Of the yifte of Robert Bluet and of his modir and of his bretherñ, the chirche of Dantesburne, with the * londes and his *per*tynentis; Of the yifte of Symond Spenser, the tythe of Rollendrith; Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hide of lond in Rysyndoñ;

(44) Pekesey mead, with *2s.* rent-charge in Yarnton and *2s.* in North Leigh (no. 772);

(45) rent-charges in Brackley and Farthingho, Northts. (no. 269);

* leaf 187.

[1] 'piscaria.'

[2] 'disturbare iniuste.'

[3] At the dissolution, 1540, Godstow still possessed (*Monast.* iv. 370) Pyxsey, 40 acres, valued at £3 (i.e. *1s. 6d.* per acre), which was common after removal of the first hay-crop (vestura).

[4] 'Leyga.'

Of the yifte of Richard Labaanc, all the dowery of his modir, that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his *pre*decessours had in possession, that is to sey v. hides, and Cnolle and Swanton with all that longith therto, that is to sey, ther *per*tynentis; Of the yifte of Arnulphe Bolde, the londe that is I-called Sanford; Of the yifte of Roger Dalmary, fyfty acris in Blechesdon; Of the yifte of Walter Pyrye, in the same towne, one yerde[1] of lond and x. acris; Of the yifte of hugh Tywe, nyne shillyngworthe of lond in Oxenford; Of the yifte of Roger*e*, Bisshoppe of Salisbury, a mylle that is I-called Boymylle, with the lond that lieth to the same; Of the yifte of the Citezens of Oxenford, the wyke the which Segryne helde, in portemanheyt beside Oxenford; Of the yifte of Eylwyne Godegose, the chirch of seynte Gyle, with his *per*tynentis, the which he founded, the which is *with*-out Oxenford; And of the other *par*te of the same Citee, vpon the Southe Brigge, xviij. shillyngworthe of lond; Of the yifte of Ambrose fitz Gerolde, v. *shillings* in wynchestir; Of the yifte of Raaf[2] fitz Ingerid, in londoñ in Estchepe, xj. *shillings*; Of the yifte of Edward fitz Sewyne[3], vj. *shillings*, vpon Cornhull; Of the yifte of hugh, Archidekoñ of leyceter, one shop in westchepe, And ij. *shillings* with-out the west yate of Seynt Poule; Of the yifte of Anstede[4] Bendeville, the mylle of Benchesworde[5]; Of the yifte of henry of Oxenford, one hide of lond in waltoñ[6]; Of the yifte of william venn3, one mylle and his lond [in[7] Imbesette; of the yifte of Robert of Meysy, in Wynchestir all the londe] with-oute the northe yate, And in Shedewritstrete and Flesshmongerstrete; Of the yifte of Robert Euersy, his tofte with-oute Gloucestir at the kyngesham, and one dwellyng place; Of the yifte of herebert of seynt Quyntyñ, in Wynchestir, ij. dwellyng placis with-in the walle and one with-oute; Of the yifte of Aleyne of lye, half a marke in putham; Of the yifte of Robert fitz Nigell, one yerde of lond

(46) shop in Westcheap and land in London (no. 243); (47) a hide in Walton (no. 516); (48) mill in Empshott (no. 202); (49) land at Winchester (no. 236); (50) land & house at Gloucester (no. 165); (51) houses at Winchester (no. 237); (52) rentcharge at Potham (no. 864); (53) yardland

[1] Latin 'virgata': *Monast.* iv. 364.
[2] 'Baldwin,' ibid.
[3] 'filii Siwimeri': ibid.
[4] 'Aluredi': ibid.
[5] 'Becheswrde': ibid.: 'Benchesworda' in the Exchequer MS. See note 1, p. 658.
[6] In Richard I's Confirmation (*Monast.* iv. 364), there appear at this point two clauses, probably omitted here by accident: 'of the gift of Bartholomew of Yckeford one half-marc of land in Ikeford (no. 67); of the gift of William (son of Durand) and Maud his wife one marc of rent in Oxeneford.' But William is in error for Jeffrey (no. 517).
[7] Line omitted in MS., supplied from the Latin copy.

in Bletchingdon (no. 290); (54)rent-charge in Tormarton, (no. 193); (55)rent-charge in Knighton (no. 16); (56) meadow * leaf 187, back. called Paderisham (no. 33), (57) Easington church(no.438); (58) Lamyat church(no.780); (59)rent-charge on Highworth mill (see no. 863); (60) Frampton mill, and salt-rights(no. 156); (61) salt-pit at Wiche (no.200); (62) Dinton church (no. 52); (63) rent-charges in Winchester; (64)rent-charge at (? Gloucester or Winchester); (65)rent-charge at Brackley; (66) Rusmonger's rent-charge outside North Gate, Oxford;

in Blechesdon; Of the yifte of Nicholas Sutton[1], ij. *shillings* in Thormerton; Of the yifte of wydon of Seynt Walerye half a marke in Cumberton[2]; Of the yifte of the Abbot of Abendon and of all ther Couente, by theire peticion[3], v. acres called Poderesham[4] by name; Of the yifte of William of Sewkeworth, the chirch of Esyndon; Of the yifte of [Paldwin of] Columbers, * the chirche of Lameth; Of the yifte of Hugh Mortymere[5], one Marke by yere of the mylle of Worthe; Of the yifte of Walter Clyfford, the mylle of Framton, with all his pertynentis, And in the wyche xiiij. myttes of Salte, and one mese[6]; Of the yifte of Osbert fitz hugh, one Salyne[7], that is to sey, a salte pitte in the wyche, the which is I-called a Cowe; Of the yifte of Anneys mountchenesy, the chirche of Donyngton, with all his pertynentis; Also in Wynchestir of the yifte of Herebert fitz westman, xvj. *shillings* ix. d. Of the yifte of Edyue, the wyf of Thurstey[n] Osyere, iij. *shillings* viij. d. ob*olus*, Of the yifte of Herbert Reve[8], v. *shillings*, Of the yifte of william, Preest of Seynt Pancrace, ij. *shillings* with-oute the Est yate, Of the yifte of Humfrey, the Abbesse chapelayne, in Wynchestir in Chesshull, ix. *shillings* vj. d. ob*olus*, Of the yifte of Alisaundre, preest of Gloucestre, xij. d.; Of the yifte of Thurkille Reve[8] in Brakeley, iiij. *shillings*; Of the yifte of Aleyne Rusmongere and of Edithe his wyf, half a marke by yere with-out the north yate of Oxenforde: Wherfor he willed and comaunded that the forsaid abbesse of Godestowe, the which was his owne almesse, and the mynchons ther servyng god, all the fore-named thyngis and what-soever other thynge were I-gete by the yifte of god, they sholde have and holde hit, into fre and perpetuell almesse, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly, holy and worshipfully, in wode and in playne, in medys, in pasturis, in watirs and

[1] 'Yutton' or 'Nutton' (ill-formed letter) in Exchequer MS.; 'Murton,' *Monast.* iv. 364; in error for Mutton.

[2] 'Cumbreton' also in Exchequer MS.; 'Cnicheton,' *Monast.* iv. 364. Knighton in Berkshire is meant.

[3] 'per petitionem domini Henrici patris nostri' in Richard I's confirmation: *Monast.* iv. 364.

[4] 'Pederissam' in Exchequer MS.

[5] 'ex dono Hugonis le Morton,' *Monast.* iv. 364, in error.

[6] Latin has: 'et in Wichia xiiii. mittas salis et unam messuagium': *Monast.* iv. 365, and Exchequer MS.

[7] Latin has: 'salinam unam in Wichia quae dicitur vacca': *Monast.* iv. 365.

[8] Latin: 'praepositi.'

mylles, in weyes and pathes, in pondis and stewis, with-in burgh and with-out burgh, and in all̃ othere placis, with sok, and sak, tol and team, and infangetheef, and vtterly quyte fro shires and hundredis, pleis and playntis, helpys and assises, yelde and danegelde, of Murthere and of theeft, of scuage, yiftis, scottis, and workes of Castels and howses, walles, parkes, stywys, dichis and briggis, of summage and cariage, of warde peny, and averpeny, hundredepeny[1], and thederyngpeny; and they shold̃ be quyte þurgh all̃ Ingelond̃ [and] by watir fro tol and passage and pountage and stallage and lastage and of all̃ other customs, as the charters of the yevers witnesse. These beyng̃ witnesse, & *cetera*.

with manorial privileges; and with exemptions from royal imposi-tions.

[Given at Winchester. The witnesses fix the date as not earlier than 1181. They are:—Richard [Toeliffe], bishop of Winchester [1173–89]; G[eoffrey Ridel], bishop of Ely [1174–89]; B[aldwin], bishop of Worcester [1180–84]; G[eoffrey Plantagenet], his son, chancellor [1181-89]; master Laurence, archdeacon of Bedford; Master Walter de Constantiis; Bertram de Verdon, &c.]

[887.] * A proteccion̄ of kyng̃ Richard̃, worde by worde, after the proteccion̄ of kyng̃ henry afore I-writte.

* leaf 190, back. A.D. 1190. April 8. Protection by Richard I.

[Note.—The 'proteccion . . . afore I-writte' may be that of Henry III (no. 893), which is erroneously regarded as being by Henry II. An Inspeximus and confirmation, by Richard I, of no. 886, is printed in *Monast.* iv. 364. This is dated at Danfront, 8 April, 1 Richard I, i. e. 1190, and witnessed by Hugh [Pudsey], bishop of Durham [1153–95]; Richard [Fitz-neale], bishop of London [1189–98]; Godfrey [de Luci], bishop of Winchester [1189–1204]; Hubert [Walter], bishop elect of Salisbury [1189–93]; &c.]

[888.] A Charter of kyng̃ Richard̃, chargyng̃ that the mynchons of̃ Godestowe sholde haue all̃ the tenauntryes in goode pease, that no man shold̃ vexe them wrongfully.

A.D. 1190, May 31. General protection by Richard I.

[Note.—Richard I had left England to go on crusade. The charter refers to 'the day when he last left England,' and is dated 'at Aquileia, 31 May,' 1190. Godstow perhaps felt that, during the king's absence, it was desirable to have a general charter, covering new acquisitions of property.]

[1] 'hundreder peny,' in the Latin.

About 1191. Confirmation, by prince John, of no. 886.

[889.] A Charter of Iohn, Erle of Morteyne, confermyng the yiftis that his fadir kyng henry yaf to the mynchons of Godestowe, that is to sey, the chirche of wycombe with all his pertynentis and liberteis; and a lond in Clare, prevet I-called by name, that his fadir bought of Manasses Saueruille for xxv. marke; and forthe, even like worde by worde, as hit is I-writte a-fore.

[Note.—In Oct. 1191 prince John drove out William de Longchamp, Richard I's chancellor, and laid hold on the administration. Godstow, no doubt, thought it necessary to secure a fresh confirmation. Among the witnesses are Stephen Bidell, prince John's chancellor; William of Wevenall; Roger Planes.]

1199, June 13. General protection by King John.

[890.] A proteccion of kyng Iohn to the mynchons of Godestowe I-made for ther men, londes, and goodes, and possessions, to be defended, worde by worde as in the proteccion of kyng henry afore is I-writte.

[Note.—Dated at Medestan (Maidstone), June 13; H[ubert Walter], archbishop of Canterbury, chancellor. The reference is to no. 893, Henry III's (wrongly supposed to be Henry II's) deed. King John was at Canterbury on June 12, 1199.]

About 1199. Grant of exemption from tolls, by King John, as in no. 881.

[891.] A Charter of kyng Iohn, to the mynchons of Godestowe, I-made for tol, passage, pountage, and all custome thurgh all Englond, even as hit is I-writte afore in the charter of kynge henry.

[Note.—Dated at Hallon, June 16; Hubert, archbishop, chancellor.]

* leaf 188, back. About 1217.

[892.] * A confirmacion of kyng henry[1], confermyng the yifte of kyng henry his graunte sire, made to them and with his charter confermed, [and] all the yiftis that were I-made to theym, & *cetera*.

Confirmation to Godstow, by Henry III (in a different order),

The sentence of this confirmacion is that Henry, kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, graunted, & *cetera*, into perpetuel almesse, and confermed with his charter to god, & *cetera*, and to the mynchons of Godestowe ther seruyng god, that yifte that henry his graunte sire made to them and with his charter confermed,

[1] This confirmation is treated as given by Henry II. It is plainly by Henry III. The Latin has, correctly, 'Henrici filii regis Iohannis.'

and all the yiftis that were I-made to them, that is to sey, of the yifte of Henry his graunte sire, the towne of Wolgarecote, and also the place that is I-called Godestowe in the whiche the chirche was I-founded with the assente and graunte of Bernard of Seynt Walery and of his heires, the whiche, that is to sey, Bernard, graunted to henry his graunte sire the forsaid towne and place, and yaf and resynyd hym (by a silken threde, wherof was I-made a chesible) also with all the lordship and right of the Avowry of the same Abbey that he had afore in hit, So that the forsaid abbey shold be free and in chief of his crowne as the Abbey of seynt Edmond and other riall Abbeyes that ben I-ordeyned thurgh Englond: Also of the yifte of henry his graunte sire, the chirche of wycombe with all his p*er*tynentis, And the chirche of Bloxh*am* with all his p*er*tynentis, and the vicariage[2] of Patishulle w*ith* the pasture as kyng henry his fadir[3] had hit in his owne hande, and * the londe [Clere] by name called prevet the which his fadir[3] bought of manasse Samhulle for xxv. mark: Of the yifte of the Empresse his graunte dame[4] and of his fadir[3], Shillyngford that is to sey, two hydis and half a yerde with medys and pasturis the whiche Raaf Scribe held for lij. *shillings* vj. d. by yere, and an hundred shillyngworthe of lond in walton as they had hit whan Moolde the Empresse was I-seged at Oxenford, and a Fyssh-were in Charwelle and the watir with mede and pastures and all his p*er*tynentis, and all the tythe of all the frutis of wodestok, and the Faires the which shold dure thre fulle dayes at Godestowe at the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist, And he comaunded surely that all they that come to tho feires shold have ther sure pease and all their*e* goodis in comyng and goyng awey, that no man shold be hardy wrongefully to distrouble them nother ther goodes. He graunted also and confermed, to the forsaid mynchons for ever, two cartis to go eu*er*y day in the wode of Shottor*e* to carye wode to ther*e* nede. Also of the yifte of Reynold of Seynt Walery, the mylle of Wolgarecote, and the fyssh-were that is I-called the kyngiswere, and the medis that ben I-called Heryngish*am* Boieh*am* and licheseye, and the lond that lieth bytwene the two watirs, And half the mede that is I-called

of the properties enumerated in Henry II's third charter (no. 886),

* leaf 189.

and, in addition, of (67) two carts carrying firewood daily out of Shotover wood (apparently granted by Henry II);

[1] In error for Henry III. [2] 'vaccaria': see note [2], p. 661. [3] grandfather. [4] great-grandmother.

Lambey: and the other half of the same mede, of the ȝifte of Robert Doylle. Of the ȝifte of Alisaundir, bisshop of lyncolne, C. *shillings* by yere of the Tolle of Bannebury. Of the ȝifte of Bernard of Seynt Walery, a mede that is I-called Pecheseye, and to mowe the same mede iiij. *shillings* by yere, at the fest of the natiuite of seynt Iohn Baptist (ij. *shillings* in Erdyntoñ and ij. *shillings* in lye). Of the ȝifte of Robert, Bisshop of Exeter, xl. *shillings* yerely to be paide, that is to sey, xx. *shillings* in the chirche of Faryndoñ, and xx. *shillings* in the chirche of our lady of Gloucestre. Of the ȝifte of Robert, Erle of leyceter, thre pounde-worthe of lond in Halso; Of the ȝifte of Amye, Countesse, his wyf, and by his graunte, ij. marke by yere, in Brakeley one marke and another in Fernyngho; Of the ȝifte of Reynold, the sone of the Erle, and of Emelyne his wyf and of his heires, Eatoñ, *with* all his pertynentis; Of the ȝifte of Symond of wadhulle, half of the chirche of Patishulle; Of the ȝifte of Raaf Bluet and of his modir and of his bretherñ, the chirche of Dauntesburne with the londis and his pertynentis; Of the ȝifte of Symond Spenser, the tythe of Rollendrith; Of the ȝifte of Nicholas Basset, one hide of lond in Rysyndoñ; * Of the ȝifte of Richard Labaanc, all the dowery of his modir, that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his predecessours had in possessioñ, that is to sey, v. hides and Cnolle and Swantoñ with all ther pertynentis; Of the ȝifte of Arnulphe Bolde, the lond that is I-called Sanford; Of the ȝifte of Roger Dalmary, fyfty acres in Blechesdoñ; Of the ȝifte of Walter Pery, in the same towne, one yerde lond and x. acris; Of the ȝifte of hugh Tywe, ix. *shillings* of lond in Oxenford; Of the ȝifte of Roger, Bisshop of Salisbury, a mylle that is called Boyemylle, with the lond that lieth to the same; Of the ȝifte of the Citeȝens of Oxenford, the wyke or wyke crofte, the whiche Segryne held, in portmanheyt beside Oxenford; Of the ȝifte of Eylwyne fitȝ Godegose the chirche of seynt Gyle, with his pertynentis, the which chirch he founded, whiche is *with*-out Oxenford, And, of the other parte of the same Citee, vpon the south brigge, xviij. shillyngworth of lond; Of the ȝifte of Ambrose fitȝ Gerald, v. *shillings* in wynchestir; Of the ȝifte of Baldewyne fitȝ Ingerid, in londoñ in Estchepe, xj. *shillings*; Of the ȝifte of Edward fitȝ Sewyñ,

* leaf 189, back.

[1] In error for Henry III.

vj. *shillings* vpon Cornhille; Of the yifte of hugh, Archidekon of leyceter, one Shoppe in Westchepe and ij. *shillings* with-out the west gate of seynt Poule; Of the yifte of Alurede Bendeuille, the mylle of Blechesworde; Of the yifte of henry Oxenford, one hide of lond in Walton; Of[2] the yifte of Bartholomew Hicford, half a marke of lond in Hicford; Of[2] the yifte of Gefferey Durante and Moolde his wyf, one marke of rente in Oxenford; Of the yifte of william venn3, his mylle and londe in Imbesette; Of the yifte of Robert Euersy, in wynchestir, all þe londe with-oute the northe yate and in Sheldwirthstrete and Flesshmongerstrete; Of the yifte of Robert Euersy, his tofte of Roddis with-out Gloucestir, at the kyngesham, and one dwellyng place; Of the yifte of herbert of Seynt Quyntyne, in wynchestir, ij. dwellynge places with-in the walle and one with-oute; Of the yifte of Aleyne of lye, half a marke in Putham; Of the yifte of Robert fit3 Nygelle, j. yerde of londe; Of the yifte of Nicholas Mutton, ij. *shillings* in Thormerton; Of the yifte of wydo of seynt walery, half a marke in Cumbreton; Of the yifte of the Abbot of Abendon and his Couente, thurgh the peticion of henry his fadir[3], v. acris by name pederesham; Of the yifte of william of Sewkeworthe, the chirche of Esyndon; Of the yifte * of Baldewyne of Columbers the chirche of Lameth; Of the yifte of hugh Mortymer, one marke by yere of the mylle of Worthe. Of the yifte of Walter Clyfford, the mylle of Framton, with all his pertynentis, And in the wyche xiiij. myttis of salte, And one mese. Of the yifte of Osbert fit3 hugh, one salyne that is called a salte pitte, in the wyche the which is I-called a Cowe. Of the yifte of Anneys Mountchenesy, the chirche of Donyngton, with all his pertynentis. Also in wynchestir, of the yifte of the wyf of Thurstane Oser, iij. *shillings* viij. d. *obolus*. Also in wynchestir, of the yifte of Osbert fit3 Westmanne, xvj. *shillings* xj. d.; Of the yifte of herebert Reve, v. *shillings*; Of the yifte of william, preste of seynt Pancrace, ij. *shillings* with-out the Est gate; Of the yifte of Humfray, Chapeleyne of the abbesse of Godestowe, in wynchestir vpon Chesse hulle, ix. *shillings* v. d. *obolus*, Of the yifte of Alisaundir, preste of Gloucestir, xij. d. Of the yifte of Thurchehille Reve, in Brakeley, iiij. *shillings*. Of the yifte of Aleyne Rusmonger

(68) rent-charge in Ickford, Bucks (no. 67); (69) of Jeffrey son of Durand's rent-charge in north suburb of Oxford (no. 517);

* leaf 190.

[1] In error for Henry III. [2] See note [6], p. 663. [3] grandfather.

and Edithe his wyf, half a mark, by yere with-oute the northe yate of Oxenford. Wherfore he wold and surely charged that the forsaid Abbesse of Godestowe and the mynchons ther *ser*-uyng god shold haue and hold all the forsaid thyngis and all maner thynge I-gote by the grace and yifte of god, into fre and *per*petuell almesse, wele and in pease, frely and quyetly, fully holy and worshipfully, in wode and in playne, in medys and pasturis, in watirs and mylles, in weyes and pathis, in pondys and stewys, with-in borough and with-oute borough, and in alle other placis, with soke and sake, and tol and team, and infangen-theef, vtterly quyte, and [that[2] their] fre tenauntis ought ther to be quyet fro shire and hundred, pleys and playntis, helpis and assises, yelde and daneyelde, fro Murdre and theeft, of Scuage and hydage, yiftis and scottis, and workynges of Castell howsis and wallis parkis stewys dichis and briggis, and of *sum*mage and cariage, of wardepeny and of Averpeny, and of hundrede-peny and thedyngpeny, and to be quyte (thurgh all his londe and by watir) of tol and passage, of pountage and tallage and lestage, and of all other customs that longed to hym, with all [their[2]] liberteis and fre customs. And he forbede that no man shold do them wronge no*per* greef in no wise. For the forsaid chirche and mynchons of Godestowe and all theire goodes and possessions and theire men, more specially than all other in England, [ben] in oure hande, *pro*teccion, and kepynge, * These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

with full manorial perquisites

and jurisdiction;

and exemption from royal taxes and impositions.

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* leaf 188. 1229, Sept. 8.

[893.] * Another charter for them and all ther goodis and possessions, & *cetera*.

Protection to Godstow,

* leaf 188, back. by Henry III.

The sentence of this charter is, that henry kyng of England, & *cetera*, toke into his *pro*teccion and defence his abbesse and mynchons of Godestow, * And all ther men, londes and rentis, goodis and possessions. And therfor he comaunded that all statis and mynystres, & *cetera*, shold maynteyne, kepe, and defende the same Abbesse and mynchons, and all ther men, londis and rentis, goodis and possessions, doyng to them, nother

[1] In error for Henry III.

[2] Added from the Latin.

suffryng to them, wronge, greef, harme or vexyng. And yf any man forfettid to them, they shold make hit to be amended to them with-oute delaye; witnessyng, & *cetera*.

[Note.—The preceding charter is put among those of Henry II, but as it bears date 'at Westminster, Sept. 8, the 13th year of his reign' (Exchequer MS.), it is plainly of Henry III.]

[894.] * **A Charter of kyng henry the thirde, confermyng to the mynchons of Godestowe all that parte of wode of hildesdene in-to an eschaunge of ij. cartis walkyng every day to busshyng in Shottore, for all the tythe of huntyng in wodestok and wychewode, and the tythe of Elys of his stewys.** * leaf 190, back. 123⅝, Jan. 20.

Ratification to Godstow, by Henry III, of King John's grant of part of Hildesdene wood, in lieu of two carts daily in Shotover (no. 892 §67). Grants to Godstow, by Henry III of (70) tithe of king's * leaf 191. quarry in Woodstock park and Wychwood forest; (71) tithe of eels from Woodstock

The sentence of this charter is, that kyng henry, by the grace of god kyng of Englond, & *cetera*, willed to be know to Archebisshoppis, & *cetera*, that he yaf, & *cetera*, to god & *cetera* and to the holy mynchons of Godestowe there seruyng god and to serue for ever, all that parte of wode of hildesdene[1] with his pertynentis the whiche kyng Iohn his fadir in his day graunted to them, and assigned, into an eschaunge of ij. cartis the which they had every day walkyng to busshyng in his wode of Shottore, as the forsaid parte of the wode is dyvyded fro a parte of wode of the Abbot and Couente of Oseney by the ledyng of a watir rynnyng bitwene: To be had and to be hold, of hym and his heires, to them and to ther successours, into fre and perpetuel almesse, quyte fro wast and * rewarde. He graunted also to the same abbesse and holy mynchons of Godestowe[2], for hym and his heires, they shold haue and take for ever the tythe of the huntyng (all that they[3] shold take in the tyme to come) in his parke of wodestok and in his forest of wychewode: Also and the tythes of Elys of his stewys of wodestok al so[4] ofte

[1] In Buckinghamshire: see Rot. Hundred. i. 22, col. 1. temp. Henr. III. 'Dominus abbas de Oseneya tenet medietatem bosci qui vocatur Hildesdene. Et abbatissa de Godestowe tenet aliam medietatem de Hildesden ex dono domini Regis Iohannis in perpetuam elemosinam.'

[2] Marginal note: *the tythe of huntinge in wodstoke parke and wychwode forest.* At the dissolution (*Monast.* iv. 372), 1540, Godstow was leasing the tithes of Woodstock manor and park for £2 6*s.* 8*d.*

[3] i. e. the king and his successors.

[4] Latin (Exchequer MS.) has: 'quotiens aualatio anguillarum contigerit'; i. e. (perhaps) as often as the eel-bucks are taken up. In the Calendar of Charter Rolls of Henry III the word is given as 'abalatio,' and explained as letting the eels come down from the eel-ponds.

ponds at each 'valson.'

Confirmation also of privilege to be sued, about any tenement held of the crown, only before the Chief Justice of the King's Bench (as in no. 884).

as the valsoñ of elys happened' of the same his stewys. He graunted' also to them, for hym and his heires, that they shold' not [be] put into plee of ony of ther tenement that they held' in his demayne, but afore hym or his chief Iustices and afore his heires and chief Iusticis of his heires. Wherfore he willed' and surely charged', for hym and his heires, that the forsaid' Abbesse of Godestowe, and the holy mynchons ther seruyng' god' and to serve for ever, shold' haue and hold' for ever' the forsaid' parte of wode of hildesdene with his pertynentis, quyte of wast and rewarde, wele and in pese, quyetly and holy, into fre and perpetuell almesse. And that they shold' haue and take for ever' the tythe of all huntyng, the which they shold' take in the tyme to come in his parke of wodestok, (that is[1] to sey, he and his heires), and in ther forest of wychewode also, and the tithe of elys of his stewys of wodestok, al so ofte as the valsoñ of Elys happenyd' of the same ther stewys, and that they shold' not be put into plee of ony of there tenement that they held' in his demayne but afore hym or his chief Justice, and afore his heires and ther chief Justices, as hit is I-seid afore. These beyng witnesse, & *cetera*.

* leaf 191, back. 1251, July 11.

[895.] * A confirmacioñ of kyng' Henry, the sone of kyng' Iohn, confermyng' all that kyngis Henry fitz Emperice and kyng' Iohn confermed' and that worde by worde: loke the one of them and se the other of hem, & *cetera*.

[Note.—At Woodstock: July 11, 35 Henry III.]

1273, Oct. 17.

[896.] A confirmacioñ of kynge Edward', aftir the same forme, worde by worde, & *cetera*.

[Granted at Winchester, Oct. 17, 1 Edw. I, i. e. 1273, by the Chancellor.]

* leaf 192, back. 1312, Aug. 9.

[897.] * Another licence to morteyse londes and tenementes to þe valew of C. *shillings*.

Licence in mortmain, granted to Godstow, by Edward II, to acquire

Edward, by the grace of god kynge of Englond', & *cetera*, willed' to be know that he of his speciall grace graunted' and yaf licence for hym and his heires al so moche as was in hym to his welbeloued' in crist the abbesse and mynchons of Godestowe,

[1] This clause should follow 'they' in preceding line.

that they myght purchase and holde, to them and to ther successours for eu*er*, londis and tenementis to the valew of a C. *shillings* by yere after the verry valew of the same, bothe of his owne fee and of other fee except londis and tenementis that were I-holde of hym in chief, * The statute not-with-stondyng I-made of londis and tenementis not to be put to morte-mayne. So nathelesse by Inquysicion to be do þ*er*of in dew forme, and to be returned in his Chauncery, hit be founde that hit myght be do withoute his harme and p*re*iudice and of all other. Into witnesse of the which thynge, he made to be made these his lettres patentis, hym-self beyng witnesse, at Dover*e*, the nynthe day of August, the vj. yere of his reigne. lands up to £5 yearly value. * leaf 193.

[Note.—We know from other sources that Edward II was at Dover, August 9, in the sixth year of his reign, i. e. 1312. This fixes the date, and removes the possibility of the licence belonging to Edward I's reign.]

[898.] * **A confirmacion of kyng Edward, worde by worde as kyng Henry Fitz Emp*er*ice confermed afore.** * leaf 192. 1316, Dec. 27.

[Issued 10 Edward II.]

[899.] * **A Charter of kyng Edward, confermyng all the liflode of Godestowe, worde by worde, as hit is I-writte afore, & *cetera*.** * leaf 193. 1330, July 24. EdwardIII.

[900.] **A Chart*er* of kyng Richard confermyng all that other kyngis before hym confermed, and that worde by worde, and noþ*er* more ne lesse, & *cetera*.** About 1378. Richard II.

[General Charters:—3. By the Pope.]

[901.] * **A-nother**[1] **confirmacion of pope Eugenye, I-graunted the yere of our Lord god a thousand a hundred and xlv^ti.** * leaf 195, back. A.D. 1145.

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Eugenye, Bisshoppe, seruaunte of the seruauntis of God, willed to be know to his wel- Bull of pope Eugenius III,

[1] Put second in the Register, although first in point of time.

granted to Godstow, in the time of the foundress, * leaf 196.

belouedꝫ doughtirs in criste, Edyue, Abbesse of the monastery of Seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe, and to her susterne bothe at that tyme beyng and to be, professedꝫ reguleꝫ lyfi, that, to that * entente the Cure of aꝑt the Chirche was I-commyttedꝫ to hym of God, prouisoꝛ of aꝑt goode peple, that he sholde love religious peple and labour to sprede to god Religiõ wele pleasyng in aꝑt wises, For ther is neveꝛ kynde or goodꝫ seruyce do to godꝫ, but service comyng forth of the roote of charite be I-kepedꝫ of the purenesse of Religiõ. For this[1] cause hit is nedefuꝑt that aꝑt cristeñ men, lovers of cristen feith, to love Religiõ and to norissh worshipfuꝑt places, with there persones I-sette to goddis seruyce, that they be not made vnrestfuꝑt or grevedꝫ or I-weriedꝫ with importune grefis. Therfore welbelouedꝫ in god doughtirs, he, bowedꝫ with the praiers of his welbelouedꝫ Robert, preeste Cardenaꝑt and Chauncellere, graunteꝫ to youre rightfuꝑt askyngis mekely, and toke the forsaidꝫ monastery of seynt Iohn Baptist, in the whiche ye bene sette to goddes seruyce, vndir his protecciõ and seynt Petir, and defendedꝫ by the priuilege of this writyng:

at the request of Robert de Gant, Lord Chancellor (died 1153).

Rule of St. Benedict is to be kept.

And first trewly ordeynyng that the ordire of Mynchons be kepiꝫ there clennely, in tymys perpetueꝑt, aftir the rewle of Seynt Benette.

Godstow empowered to retain present possessions and acquire others.

Furthermore, aꝑt possessions and aꝑt maner goodes that now rightfully and lawfully ye possesse, or myght purchase, by the grace of godꝫ, or in tyme to come, by the graunte of Bisshoppes, liberalnesse of kyngis, largenesse of prynces, offryng of cristen peple, or by ony other rightfuꝑt maners, sholdꝫ abide to them and to ther successours sure and vntastidꝫ.

Godstow properties named :— (i) the nunnery and its site (no. 2); (ii) the land called Godstow (no. 3); (iii) in Wolvercote (*a*) the mill, (*b*) two houses, (*c*) an island, (*d*) three meadows,

In the whiche he willedꝫ these[2] to be expressedꝫ [by] ther owne names :—The same monastery of our lady and of Seynt Iohn Baptist, with the possessions, and the Ile in the which the monastery Is I-foundedꝫ, with his other pertynentis. Of the yifte of Iohn of seynt Iohn and of Reynoldꝫ of Seynt Walerye, the londꝫ that is I-calledꝫ Godestowe, with the pertynentis ; The mylle of wolgarecote ; ij. mansions in wolgarecote, with ther pertynentis ; The Ile that lieth bitwene the two watirs afore the yate of the monastery ; thre medis, that is to sey, Boyeham,

[1] 'A goodꝫ seiyng' in margin.

[2] The order of the items is arbitrary, and differs from that in the royal charters already given.

Licheham, and Heryngesham; One Fysshwere vpon Themyse, with his pertynentis; Half a mede that is I-called' Lambeye. And the other half of the same mede, of the yifte of Robert Doyle, with one bussheⁿ of whete yerely of the mylle vndir the Casteⁿ of Oxenford'. The Chirch of seynt Gyle, the which is without Oxenford'. Of the yif[t]e of Alisaundre, Bisshop̄ of * Lyncolne, an hundred' shillyngis of the Tolle of Bannebury yerely to be paid' to theyme. Of the yifte of kynge Stephyne, an hundred' shillyng-worthe of londe in waltoñ, the Feyres of thre dayes at the Natiuite of Seynt Iohn Baptist at Godestowe. Of the yifte of Roger, Bisshoppe of Salisbury, a mylle that is I-called' Boyemylle, with his londis and pertynentis, ij. mansions at Seynt Clementis. Of the yifte of Raynold' the Erles sone and of Emelyne his wyf, Eatoñ, with aⁿ his pertynentis. In Halso, thre pounde worthe of lond', the which Robert, Erle of Leyceter, yaf. Of the yifte of the Citezens of Oxenford' the lond' that is I-called' the wyke in portemanheyt. And aⁿ the right that they had' in the chirch of wadhille. Of the yifte of Hugh Tywe, nyne shillyngworth of lond' in Oxenford'. Of the yifte of Seware, seven shillyngworth of lond' with-out the northe gate. Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hide of lond' in Rysyndoñ. Of the yifte of Roger Dalmary, fyfty acres in Blechesdoñ. In the same towne, one yerde of londe and x. acres, of the yifte of Waltere Pery. In knolle, the lond' that Raaf wafere yaf to them. The londe that is I-called' Sanford'. Of the yifte of Robert Wytham, a parte of mede beside Godestowe. Of the yifte of Ailwyne fitz Godegose xviij. shillyngworthe of lond' with-oute the South gate of Oxenforde. In Estchepe at londoñ, xvij. shillyng-worthe of londe. In Wynchestir v. shillyngworthe of lond' of the yifte of Ambrose. Of the yifte of Raaf Shreue and moolde his wyf, Shillyngforde. Alle the rightis in the tythes of Rollendrith. xx. *shillings* of the chirche of

(*e*) King's-weir,
(*f*) half Lamb-ey (no. 771)

(iv) the other half of Lamb-ey, and a dole from Oxford Castle mills (no. 512);

(v) St. Giles' Church, Oxford (no. 4);
(vi) rent-charge on Ban- * leaf 196, back.
bury market (no. 285);
(vii) land in Walton (no. 4);

(viii) Godstow fairs (no. 873);

(ix) Boy-mill (no. 4);

(x) two mansions in St. Clement's (no. 510);

(xi) Watereaton, Wilts. (no. 847);
(xii) land in Halso (no. 269);
(xiii) the Wyke near Oxford (no. 4);
(xiv) moiety of Pattishall church, Northnts. (no. 4);
(xv) Hugh of Tew's 9*s.* rent-charge in Oxford (no. 513);
(xvi) Sewar's 7*s.* rent-charge outside North Gate, Oxford (no. 4);
(xvii) land in Rissington, Gloucestershire (no. 186);
(xviii) 50 acres in Bletchingdon (no. 288);
(xix) yardland in Bletchingdon (no. 290);
(xx) Ralf Wafre's land in Knoll (no. 231);
(xxi) land called Sanford;
(xxii) Robert of Wytham's meadow (no. 32);
(xxiii) Ailwyn's land outside South Gate, Oxford;
(xxiv) 17*s.* in London, i. e. (*a*) 11*s.* and (*b*) 6*s.*, as in p. 679, l. 12;
(xxv) Ambrose's 5*s.* in Winchester;
(xxvi) Shillingford estate (no. 716);
(xxvii) Rollright tithes (no. 713);
(xxviii) pensions in the churches of Farringdon,

and of St. Mary-le-Crypt, Gloucester (no. 207 and no. 163). Godstow to supply the head in any community founded from it, under Benedictine rule.

Farendon, Of the yifte of Robert, Bisshop of Excetir, yerely to be paid. Of the yifte also of the same, xx. *shillings* of the chirche of oure lady of Gloucestre yerely to be paid.

Beside all this he ordeyned that in abbeyes that come out of them and keped ther rewles that none abbesse of anothere ordire or prioresse be preferred aboue yow.

Godstow to enjoy free choice of an abbess at every vacancy.

And that [1] when the abbesse at that tyme, or ony othere succedyng, deyed, he charged that none shold be made abbesse there by violence or wylynesse of surrepcion, but suche one as the Susterne with the commune assente, or elles the most parte of the sadde counseil of Sustres, prouide to be chose aftir the drede of god and the reule of Seynt Benette. Also he decreed that hit shold not be lawfull * to [2] ony man to trouble the forsaide place frowardely or to take away theire possessions, or to holde theyme I-take awaye, lessen them, or to wery them with ony vexacions, but that they sholde be keped hole for there gouernyng and susteynyng for the which they were I-graunted to profite in all maner vsis, Savyng his auctorite and the lawfull right and reverence of the Bisshoppe diocesane, And yf ony persone of the chirche or seculere, knowyng the writyng of thise lettres his ordeynyng, tempte frowardly ayenst hit, twyes or thries I-warned, yf he correcte not his gilte with couenable satisfiyng, he shall lakke the dignyte of his worshippe and powere and know hym-self to be gilty to the Iuggemente of god of his wikkednesse I-do, and that he is aliene fro the most holy body and blode of god and of oure lord agayne-byere Ihesu criste, and to be subiected to streight vengeaunce in the last dome. But pease of oure lorde Ihesu criste shold be to all men kepyng the rightis of the same place, that they myght here bothe take the frute of goode doyng, and fynde rewardes of everlastyng pease ayenst the streight Iugge, & *cetera*.

Wilful wrongers of Godstow are placed under sentence of the greater excommunication, except they make satisfaction.

* leaf 197.

* leaf 193. About 1192.

[902.] * Here begynneth [3] the bulles of popis, and of pope Celestyne confermyng all thyngis that were I-yeve to the mynchons of Godestowe, & *cetera*.

Bull of pope Celes-

Celestyne, bisshop, seruaunte to the seruauntis of god,

[1] 'For the eleccion,' in margin.

[2] The heading of lf. 197 is '*A bulle of pope Bonyface to take to ferme ther tythes*,' referring to no. 903, which follows no. 901 in the MS.

[3] In the Register, Celestine III's bull is put first, as being the fullest confirmation, but it is second in point of time.

willed to be know, that [he] owed to yeve help to his welbeloued in crist doughters, abbesse of the monasterie of our lady and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe and to her susterñ bothe now beyng and to be, I-professed * regularre lyfe for ever, wise virgynes, the which vndir the habite of religioñ, with lampes I-tended, araied them-self besely by the workis of mercy to go ayenst ther spouse, lest peraventure to comyng of ony frowardnesse other shold reuoke fro ther purpose or strengthe of the holy religioñ be broke, that god forbede. Therfore, he graunted mercyfully to the rightfull askyngis of his welbeloued in criste doughtirs, and toke the forsaid monastery of oure lady and of seynt Iohn Baptist of Godestowe in the which they were I-sette to the seruyce of god, at the exemple of his predecessours of blissed mynd, Eugeny, Alisaundre, and Clement, popis of Rome, and defensed hit with the privilege of this present writyng, he toke hit vndir his[1] protecciоñ.

tine III, renewing to Godstow

* leaf 193, back.

the protections granted by popes Eugenius III (1145–53), Alexander III (1159–81), Clement III (1187–91);

And first he ordeyned that the ordir of mynchons the which is I-know I-ordeyned after god and the rewle of seynt Benet in the same monastery shold be keped for ever ther inuiolably.

making the same provisos as in no. 901;

Furthermore that all possessions all goodis that the monastery at that tyme rightfully and lawfully had in possessioñ or in tyme to come by graunte of Bisshoppes, yiftis of kyngis or of prynces, by the offeryngis of trew cristen men, or by ony other rightfull manors, by oure lordis graunte, myght be purchased, shold abide to them sure and clene, and to ther predecessours[2].

In the which he willed to be expressed these thyngis by ther owne names, that place in the which the monastery is I-sette with the Ile and all his pertynentis; The chirche of wycombe, with all his pertynentis; The chirche of Bloxham, with all his pertynentis; all the tythe of all the frutes of wodestok; The right that they had in the chirche of Patishulle; The chirche of Dauntesburne, with the londes and ther pertynentis; The tythe of Rollendrith; The chirch of Seynt Gyle, that is with-out Oxenford, with his pertynentis; The chirche of Lamyeth; And the chirche of Esendoñ, with his pertynentis; The

mentioning properties recited in no. 901, with others recently acquired, viz.:—

(xxix) Wycombe church (no. 87);
(xxx) Bloxham (no. 306);
(xxxi) tithe of fruits of Woodstock (no. 876);
(xxxii) Duntisborne (no. 154);
(xxxiii) Lamyat (no. 780);
(xxxiv) Easington (no. 438);

[1] 'Marke wele,' in margin.

[2] Read 'successours.'

(xxxv) Dinton (no. 52); (xxxvi) Wolvercot town (no. 5); (xxxvii) the 'cowry' in Pattishall (no. 886 § 42); (xxxviii) Clereprevet (no. 216); * leaf 194. (xxxix) two carts daily in Shotover (892 § 67); (xl) fishery in Cherwell (no. 540);

chirche of Donyngtoñ, with aⁿ the p*er*tynentis ; Also of the yifte of kynge henry the seconde, the towne of wolgarecote, with aⁿ his p*er*tynentis. Also of the yifte of the same, the Cowerye of pacheshale with pasture ; and lond in Clere by name Prevet. And of the yifte of the same kyng henry and of kynge Richard his sone, two cartis every day walkyng in the wode of Shottor*e* to cary busshes to the nede of the mynchons. Of the yifte of Moolde the emp*er*ice his modiⁿ and his, the lond of Shillyngford, that is to sey, * two hides and half a yerde, with his other p*er*tynentis ; And a hundred shillyngworth of lond in Waltoñ ; And one Fysshwere in Charewelle, with medis and pastures and aⁿ there p*er*tynentis ; And the Faires that dure by thre hole dayes at Godestowe at the Natiuite of Seynt Ioh̄n Baptist. Of the yifte of Reynolde of Seynt Walerye the mylle of Wollegarecote, and one Fysshwere that is I-called bynsilwere[1] ; And medis that bene called Heryngisham, Boyeham, and Licheseye ; And a lond that lieth bitwene the two waters ; And half of a mede that is I-called Lambeye. And the other half of the same mede, of the yifte of Robert Doylle. Of the yifte of Alisaundre, somtyme bisshopp*e* of Lyncolne, an hundred shillyng*es* by yere of the Tolle of Bannebury. Of the yifte of Bernard of Seynt Walerye, a mede that is I-called Pechesey, and to mow the same mede iiij. *shillings* by yere At the fest of Seynt Ioh̄n Baptist (ij. *shillings* in Erdyngtoñ And ij. *shillings* in lye). Of the yifte of Robert, Bisshopp*e* of Excetere, xl. *shillings* yerely to be paid, that is to sey, xx. *shillings* in the chirche of Farendoñ, And xx. *shillings* in the chirch of our*e* lady of Gloucestre. Of the yifte of Robert, Erle of leycet*er*, thre pounde worthe of lond in Halso ; Of the yifte of Amye Countesse, his wyf, ij. marke by yere, one in Brakeley and another in Farnyngho. Of the yifte of Raynold, the Erles son*e*, and of Emelyne his wyf, and of his heires, Eatoñ with aⁿ his p*er*tynentis. Of the yifte of Nicholas Basset, one hyde of lond in Rysyndene. Of the yifte of Richard Labaanc, aⁿ the dowerye of his wyf, that is to sey, Hodycote al so moche as his predecessours had in possessioñ, that is to sey, v. hides and Cnolle and Swantoñ *with* aⁿ ther p*er*tynentis. Of the yifte of Arnolphe Bolde, the londe that is I-called Sanford.

(xli) Pechesey, with rent-charges (no. 886 § 44);

(xlii) rent-charges in Brackley and Farthingho (no. 260); (xliii) Hodycote, Knoll, and Swanton (no. 234);

[1] 'Binsilwere' also in the Latin ; in both cases in error for King's-weir.

Of the yifte of Roger Dalmarye, fyfty acres in Blechesdoñ; Of the yifte of Walter Pery, in the same towne, one yerde of lond and x. acris. Of the yifte of hugh Tywe, nyne shillyngworthe of lond in Oxenford. Of the yifte of Roger, Bisshoppe of Salisbury, a mylle that is I-called boymylle, with the lond that lieth to the same. Of the yifte of the Citezens of Oxenford wyke or wyke crofte, the which Segreue held in portemanheyte beside Oxenford; And of the other parte of the same Citee vpoñ the Southbrigge, xviij. shillyngworth of lond. * Of the yifte of Ambrose Fitz Gerolde, v. *shillings* in wynchestir. Of the yifte of Baldewyne fitz Ingelot, in londoñ in westchepe, xj. *shillings*. Of the yifte of Edward fitz Sywyne, vj. *shillings*. Of the yifte of hugh, Archidekoñ of Leycetir, one Shoppe in westchepe ij. *shillings*, and ij. *shillings* with-in the west yate of Seynt Powle. Of the yifte of Alurede Bendeuille, the mylle of Botheworde[1]. Of the yifte of henry of Oxenforde, one hide of lond in waltoñ. Of the yifte of william vennz, a mylle and his lond in Hymbeset. Of the yifte of Robert Meysy in wynchestir, his londe with-oute the north yate, And in Selwithstrete and Flesshmongerstrete. Of the yifte of Robert Euersy, his tofte of Roddys (in Latyne virgultum) without Gloucestre at the kyngesham, and one dwellyng place. Of the yifte of herebert of Seynt Quyntyñ, in wynchestre two dwellyng placis, with-in the walle one, and one with-oute. Of the yifte of Aleyne of lye, half a marke in Putham. Of the yifte of Robert fitz Nigelle, one yerde of lond in Blechesdeñ. Of the yifte of Nicholas Mottoñ, ij. *shillings* in Thormertoñ. Of the yifte of Gye of Seynt walerye, half a marke in wynchestir[2]. Of the yifte of the Abbot of Abendoñ and of all the Couente, v. acris by name called Pederesham. Of the yifte of hugh of Mertoñ, one marke by yere of the mylle of worthe[3]. Of the yifte of walter Clyfford, the mylle of Framtoñ with all his pertynentis, And in wyche xiiij. mittis of Salte and one mese. Of the yifte of hubert fitz hugh, one Salyne,

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(XLIV) shop in Westcheap and land near St. Paul's (no. 243);

(XLV) Botheworde mill;
(XLVI) a hide in Walton (no. 516);
(XLVII) mill at Empshot (no 202);
(XLVIII) land in Winchester (no. 236);
(XLIX) land at Gloucester (no. 165);
(L) houses at Winchester (no. 237);
(LI) rent-charge in Petham (no. 864);
(LII) yardland in Bletchingdon (no. 290);
(LIII) rent-charge in Tormarton (no. 193);
(LIV) rent-charge in Knighton, Berks. (no. 16);
(LV) meadow called Pederisham (no. 33);
(LVI) rent-charge on Highworth mill (see no. 863);
(LVII) Frampton mill, salt rights, &c. (no. 156);

[1] 'Botheswurda' in the Latin copy: see note [5], p. 663.
[2] In the Latin copy 'Ciheton,' in error for 'Knighton.'
[3] Highworth.

(anglicè, a salte pitte) in wiche that is I-called a Cowe. (Also in wynchestir, of the yifte of herberte fitz westman xvj. *shillings* ix. d.; Of the yifte of Edeyue the wyf of Thursteyne Osere, iij. *shillings* viij. d. ob*olus*; Of the yifte of hereberte Reve, v. *shillings*; Of the yifte of william of Seynt Pancrace, ij. *shillings* with-oute the Est yate; Of the yifte of humfrey, Chapeleyne of the abbesse of Godestowe, in wynchestir vppon Cheshulles, ix. *shillings* v. d. ob*olus*; Of the yifte of Alisandire, preest of Gloucestire, xij. d. Of the yifte of Turkille Reve in Brakeleye, iiij. *shillings*. Of the yifte of Aleyne Brasmonger and of Edithe his wyf, half a marke by yere without the north yate of Oxenford. Of the yifte of Bartholomew Ickeforde, half a marke. Of the yifte of Roger fitz Sewyne, one mese at Oxenford in Catstrete. Of the yifte of Iohn Bisshoppe of Norwyche, ij. mesis in Seynt Edwardis strete. Of the yifte of Geffrey fitz Durande * and of Moolde his wyf, one marke in Oxenforde. Of the yifte of Vyncente knyght of Wytham, v. acris of mede by name Ruenth, *with* the pertynentis.

(lviii) a salt-pit in Wiche (no. 200); (lix) rent-charges in Winchester; (lx) in (? Gloucester); (lxi) in Brackley; (lxii) (Brasmonger's) outside Oxford; (lxiii) and at Ickford (no. 67); (lxiv) messuages in Cat-street; (lxv) and in St. Edward's Street, Oxford; (lxvi) fitz Durand's rent-charge in Ox- * leaf 195. ford (no. 517); (lxvii) meadow at Wytham (no. 32).

Furthermore no man shall *pre*sume to take or aske[1] of yow tythes of youre noualle that ye tele with youre hondes or costis, or of the norisshyng of youre bestis, or of the frutes of youre trees, or of the vsis of Fisshyngis.

Exemption from paying tithe of (*a*) '*novale*,' (*b*) cattle, (*c*) fruit-trees, (*d*) fisheries. Privileges to accept novices, and to retain professed nuns, except they have leave to enter a stricter rule;

And hit shall be lawfull to yow to resceive fre *per*sones and lowsid fleyng fro the worlde to conuersion, and to holde theyme, with-oute ony agayne-seiyng. More-over*e* he forbede that to none of her sustern shold be lawfull to go a-wey after profession I-made in the same place, with-oute licence of the Abbesse of the same place, but by cause of streighter religion: And that no man holde none that gothe away, with-oute the writyng of there *com*mune lettres.

to have services during interdict;

And whan that ther is a generall[2] entirdityng I-made, Hit shold be lawfull to them, the yates I-shitte, cursed peple I-excluded or I-shitte oute[3], and also suche as be entirdited,

[1] 'for tythes,' in margin. The Latin is: 'Sane novalium vestrorum quae propriis manibus vel sumptibus colitis, sive de nutrimentis animalium vestrorum, seu de fructibus arborum vel usibus piscationum, nullus a vobis decimas exigere vel extorquere presumat.'

[2] 'for generall enterdityng,' in margin.

[3] The second participle is (as is frequent with the translator) an alternative rendering of the Latin word. The clause runs: 'persons excommunicate and interdicted being shut out.'

the belles [not[1]] I-ronge, with[2] lowe voice to sey goddis service.

Also he comaunded to yeve to them with-oute ony exaccion creyme and holy oyle, halewyngis of auters or of chirches, ordeynyngis of clerkis the which ben to be promoted to holy ordirs, and other sacramentis of the chirche, by the Bisshoppe diocesane. to have from the diocesan (without fee) chrism, oil for extreme unction, consecration of altars and churches, and ordination of their chaplains;

And in parissh chirches that they haue, hit shall[3] be lawfull to theyme to chese preestis and presente them to theire diocesane Bisshoppe, to the which yf they be covenable, he shalle commytte to them Cure of sowles, that they aunswere of dewte to hym of spirituall thyngis, and to yow of the temperalteis. and to impropriate churches.

Also he confermed by his auctorite the liberteis and the immynumentis[4] the whiche somtyme Alisaundre, bisshoppe of Lyncolne, resonably yaf, with the consente of the Archidekon, to ther monastery, with good deuocion, vppon hospitaliteis not to be asked of the Archidekon of the place, Chapeleyns and other mynystres wrongfully to be impleyd nother to be compellyd to go to Seyne, as hit is I-conteyned in the autentikes of the forsaid Bisshoppe, and hidir to be ordre. Exemption (no. 866) from archdeacon's jurisdiction in respect of hospitality, and calling chaplains into his court or to his visitation.

And whan the abbesse at that tyme of that place, or[5] ony of theyme that succede, [died] none shold be made abbesse there by ony wylynesse of surrepcion or violence but suche one which the * Sustirs, with the commune assente, or the more parte of the sad counseille of Susterñ, aftir the love of god and the rewle of Seynt Benette prouide to be chose. Right to elect their own abbess at every vacancy. * leaf 195, back.

Also, he willyng with his fadirly besynesse to prouide to pease and rest fro that tyme forthe, forbede, by his auctorite of the appostles, that no man with-in the closyng of ther howses or graungis do violence or Rauysshynge or theft, sette to fire, take man or sle, or frowardely be bolde to do violence. Therfor (or[6] for these causes) decreid that hit shold not be lawfull to no man vttirly to trouble the forsaid monastery frowardly, or to take away theire possessions, to with-hold them I-take Excommunication against all who commit crimes in their houses or barns, or take

[1] Added from the Latin.
[2] In the Latin: 'suppressa voce celebrate divina officia.'
[3] 'grete priuylege,' in margin.
[4] In the Latin is 'immunitates.'
[5] 'for to chese the abbesse of the same place,' in margin.
[6] 'Marke wele,' in margin.

away their possessions,

and against all, lay or cleric, who obstinately oppose this bull.

away to lessen them or to vexe them with ony vexacions but that they shold be keped hole for their sustenaunce and gouernynge for the which they were I-graunted to profite in all manere vsis, Savyng the auctorite of the pope and the reguler right of the diocesane Bisshoppe. And yf ony in the tyme to come, of the Chirche or of the seculer parte, knowyng this his writyng, tempte frowardely to come or do ayenst hit twyes or thries I-warned, but he correcte his gilte with dew satisfaccion, he shold lakke or be depreved of his dignyte, worshippe, and powere, and know hym to be Iugged of god for that his wikkednesse that he dit, And that he stondith departed fro the most holy body and blode of god and of oure agayne-byere Ihesu crist, and be subiected to streight vengeaunce in the last dome. And all this is no more to sey after my symplenesse, but that suche persones bene accursed. And he wolde that the pease of oure lord Ihesu crist shold be, to all kepyng of the same place their rightis, that is to sey, they shold have cristis blissyng, that they doyng so myght take the frute of ther good doyng and to fynde the rewardes of everlastyng pease at the streight Iuggement. Amen, & *cetera*.

* leaf 197. 1401, Febr. 18.

[903.] *A confirmacion of Boneface the nynthe, grauntyng that þei myght sette to ferme all frutis, availes, rentis, tythis, offryngis, porcions, & *cetera*.

Bull of pope Boniface IX (el. 1389, Nov. 2; died 1404, Oct. 1), empowering Godstow

to lease out, give, or sell, the yearly proceeds of their different possessions,

The sentence of this confirmacion is, that Boneface, bisshop, servaunte of the seruantis of god, willed to be know to a perpetuell myndyng or memorie, that al so ofte as hit was I-asked of hym that was accordyng (or semed to acorde) to the holy religion and honeste, he graunted and thought to graunte with a good wille and to graunte to the desiris of the askers convenyent helpe. This was the cause that he inclyned to the supplicacions of his welbeloued in crist the abbesse of Godestowe and of the Couente of the same monastery of the ordire of Seynt Benette of Lyncolne Diocise in this behalf, that they myght lawfully and frely arendre, sette to ferme, yeve or selle, all frutis, rentis, prouentis, tythis, and offeryngis of chirches, chapelles, porcions, pensions, and of othere possessions longyng

then to them and to there monastery or afterward to be longed[1], to clerkes or to laye men, Ioyntly or departyngly, as hit semyth best to them, and also afore or[2] these manere of * frutis, rentis, prouentis, porcions of tythes, and pensions, they were departed fro the grounde or the nyne parties[3]. And also to the forsaid clerkis or Layemen, that they myght gadre the frutis, rentis, prouentis, tythes, pensions, porcions, and resceive them to ferme, and put theyme in Clerkes grounde or Layemennes frely and lawfully, and dispose of them after ther owne lust and wille, By the auctorite he yaf licence by the tenoure of this present writyngis, no licence of the ordinaries or of ony othere requysite or gete, Notwithstondyng statutis of the forsaide ordre contrary, And also legatinis of Othon and Octobon and Synodall and other constitucions strengthed by the pope or by ony other suerte. And yf hit happened that his worshipfulle brothere, Bisshoppe of Lyncolne beyng for the tyme, or ony other, wold gete lettres of the pope or of his legatis ayenst this manere of graunte, or happened in tyme to be in generall or in speciall, hit shold not be of no strengthe nor of surete but mension were had in them of these present lettres fulle and expressed and fro worde to worde, decreyng, fro that tyme, to be nought, and in vayne, yf hit happened to be attempted beside vpon these thyngis of[4] ony man, knowyngly or ignorantly, by ony auctorite, And that hit sholde not be lawfull to no man to breke this pagyne or writyng of this his grauntyng of wille and decree, or to go ayenst hit with frowarde boldenesse. And yf ony man presume or attempte hit, Lette hym knowe that he rynnythe in-to the indignacion of god and of his blissed appostles Petir and Paule. The date at Rome, at Seynt Petir, xij. kalendis of marche, the xiij. yere of his Bisshophode.

* leaf 197, back.

without obtaining licence of the ordinary, and in spite of provisions of the canon law.

No papal decree hereafter obtained by any bishop is to be of power to annul this grant, unless the revocation expressly recites the grant and expressly repeals it.

[Leaf 198 is blank.]

[1] The Latin is: 'in posterum spectandorum, clericis sive laicis, coniunctim vel divisim, prout ipsis videbitur expediens, et eciam antequam huiusmodi fructus, redditus, et proventus decimarum, porciones, ac pensiones a solo vel a novem partibus separentur seu oblaciones offerantur, arrendare, locare,' &c.

[2] 'Afore or' = before that.

[3] i.e. before the tenth (tithe) sheave is brought into the tithe-barn, or even separated from the shocks in the field.

[4] MS. 'yf.'

ADDITIONAL NOTES

In a Shillingford deed, 544/6, Godstow agrees to allow a tenant one acre of stubble for repairs. This refers to a farm process now extinct. In 1366, in an *Inquisitio post mortem*, I find that at Dodford manor, Northamptonshire, it was required (among other works) of each *nativus* holding a virgate in villeinage that he should, during two days, mow the lord's stubble after harvest and give one day's work with his cart to cart said stubble. I have asked my farmer-churchwarden to explain this work to me. He says that, in his boyhood, in Essex, only the barley was 'mowed' with the scythe. The wheat was all 'reaped' with the sickle. The sickle left a long stubble twelve or eighteen inches high. The length of the stubble depended on the farmer's orders for the reaping. If he was short of straw he would bid his reapers 'cut low'; if not, he would say 'cut high,' so leaving a longer stubble. After the crop was stacked, when the weather was favourable, this stubble was cut. It was, as a rule, very stiff; and could be cut only by leaning it against the boot and hacking it off. The local word for this operation was 'harming.' The stubble was then raked into heaps, in which it lay, possibly for some weeks, till it was carted off. It was used partly for spreading as litter for cattle in the yards, partly to make fences inside hurdles to shelter sheep and cattle from the wind. In the Shillingford deed it seems intended to be pounded up and kneaded with clay to make plaster for walls. Many such 'clay-built' sheds remain in Essex. The existence, for weeks after harvest, of this long stubble gives point to the lines in Milton's *L'Allegro*:—

> Russet Lawns, and Fallows Gray,
> Where the nibling flocks do stray.

The pastures (lawns) would be russet because the grass was embrowned by the approach of winter: the stubble-fields (lying fallow, and common of pasture) would be gray by reason of the long stubble. Under modern reaping the soil shows up too distinctly to allow of this colour appearing so prominently.

In a Wiltshire deed, thrice repeated (nos. 809, 810, 813), among the manorial privileges granted to Godstow 'redempcions of progenytours' ('ayenebiyings of fadirs-afore') finds place. Assuming that the Latin is *redemptiones progenitorum*, the question arises what is meant. (1) If we take the *progenitores* to be the agents and to redeem, we may take it to be an allusion to the custom of *merchet* ('redemptio carnis et sanguinis pro filiis et filiabus ad voluntatem domini'), i.e. the fine exacted by the lord on occasion of the marriage of a child of his serf. The phrase would thus be 'payments by progenitors on the marriage of their children.' (2) It is possible to construe the genitive, as if the *progenitores* were the patients and were redeemed. In this case we would have to think of an emancipated serf paying a fee for a sort of ante-dated manumission. In defending himself against a suit *de nativo habendo*, it might be of importance to a man to have a presentable manumission of his father; and for that he would naturally pay a fee. For help towards the interpretation of this unusual franchise I am indebted to Mr. George Holden, of All Souls College Library, Oxford.

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